

## NURSING ECHOES.

The Editor begs to thank all "the faithful" who have sent her such kind letters and cards of greeting during the week. She heartily reciprocates all their good wishes for a Christmas as happy as may be under the circumstances. Let us hope that by this time next year this grievous war may have ended in complete victory for those who love liberty and ensue it.

At this time of year we welcome several League Journals, amongst them that of the Kensington Infirmary Nurses' League, which is edited by the Infirmary Chaplain, the Rev. A. Lombardini, and which evidently proves a very interesting link between the members. This publication does not profess to be a professional journal, but, what is really required, it is an interesting report of affairs in connection with the Infirmary, and of the doings of the members. It is exceedingly well illustrated, and is thus assured of popularity.

It is proposed to place a memorial, to cost £50, in the church; to the late Miss Cavell, and Miss Alsop, the Matron, will be pleased to receive subscriptions for this purpose: 825 shillings are still needed—no doubt they will soon be in hand.

Sister Hunter, the acting Assistant Matron, so deservedly popular at Kensington, came of age so far as her service is concerned during this year, an event which was appropriately signalled by the presentation to her of several testimonials, and a picture appears in the journal of Sister Hunter admiring her treasures—the oak writing desk and candlesticks, given by the nursing staff—and the beautiful Queen Anne teapot, the gift of the lady Guardians.

Sister Bale, F.F.N.C., writes with tact and sympathy on "Nursing French Wounded" at Evreux, where she has done most devoted service for upwards of a year, and Sister Gaudin, F.F.N.C., tells of the work at Epernay, where her excellent knowledge of French has enabled her to be of great use to the patients under very primitive conditions. Both Sisters evidently appreciate the fact that they are attached to the French Service de Santé to help to mend, and not to criticise defects in its nursing organization, and in this spirit they are both proving their value.

The Roll of Honour of the Kensington Infirmary Nurses' League shows that 39 members and associates are on active service.

The Nurses' Annual Reunion will take place on January 6th at 3 p.m., and they are invited

"to come and stay all the evening," to which invitation all who are able will doubtless respond with pleasure.

The *Daily Telegraph* correspondent reports from Rome:—"In the Chamber to-day the Independent Socialist Deputy Altobelli honoured the memory of Miss Edith Cavell, saying that she was brutally murdered by German barbarians because she had worked miracles of compassion and pity. (Loud cheers.) He longed for the day of peace, when such crimes would be no longer possible, and it was for this victory of right and liberty that Italy was fighting.

"The speaker's remarks were received with sympathetic and prolonged applause, all the Deputies being greatly moved."

Miss A. E. Hogg, Matron of the Scuola Convitto Regina d'Italie at Florence, has sent to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland, a cheque for twenty shillings, the contribution of members of the school to the *Daily Telegraph* Cavell Memorial Fund. The cheque has been forwarded to the editor of our contemporary.

At the fiftieth annual meeting of the Manchester and Salford Sick Poor and Private Nursing Institution, held in the Town Hall, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor (Alderman Copeland), it was mentioned that Miss Edith Cavell was, during 1906-7, the Superintendent of the Bradford (Manchester) District Home. On the proposal of the Lady Mayoress it was decided to endeavour to raise a fund of not less than £2,000 to buy an annuity, with which to engage a permanent additional nurse for the sick to perpetuate Miss Cavell's memory.

Bishop Welldon expressed the hope that her name might be perpetuated by the municipality, by giving it to some street, and said he knew that the Chapter of the Cathedral would welcome the gift of a memorial tablet.

Dr. A. T. Helme, the Hon. Secretary, mentioned that an Approved Society had sent a special contribution on account of the nursing of its members. It was hoped that more would be induced to make suitable payment for the valuable services of the District Nurses, who, by assisting the sick members to more speedy recovery from illness, were saving the Society's funds.

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