

### NURSING ECHOES.

"Bart's" held its historic "View Day" on the 10th inst., and the St. Bartholomew's Hospital Women's Guild, which has helped to furnish the Linen Room so successfully, met in the Great Hall. The wards, as usual, were charmingly decorated with flowers.

Miss Beatrice Monk, Senior Matron's Assistant, has been appointed Acting Matron at the London Hospital, during the absence through very serious illness of Miss Lückes. The latter is expected to return to the hospital next week, but it is realised that she cannot be expected to take up full duty at present.

The Annual Reunion of the Shadwell Nurses' League will be held at the Hospital on Saturday, May 27th, from 3 till 6 p.m. All old Shadwell nurses and Sisters are cordially invited.

Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, speaking at the annual meeting of the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, said that the Abercorn Home for the nurses was in course of erection, but the War had delayed its completion. Whilst making an appeal for funds generally, he could not refrain from calling attention to the urgent need of a home under one roof for the accommodation of the nurses attached to the hospital. At present they were housed in separate dwellings. It was estimated roughly that the furnishing would cost £2,000; and, as there were practically no funds in hand to meet that expenditure, steps were being taken in the hope that one hundred or more friends of the institution would see their way clear to undertake the cost—£20—of furnishing one room each, or even the part of such room. If that could be accomplished, the new home would be opened free from debt, and it would stand as a worthy memorial to the late Duke of Abercorn, who took the greatest interest in that particular scheme and in the general welfare of the West London Hospital.

We have received a touching expression of thanks from Nurse N., in which she writes:—"What I feel like no words can express. My sincere thanks and gratitude for the 10s. which has just been received." This week we have received £1 from Miss Mary Dempster, who writes:—"I cannot bear to think of that poor nurse not having enough to eat, when in spite of hard times I always have more than I want, so I send a cheque for £1 towards the thirteen

you want. I wish I could get as happy a home, and as congenial work for every nurse who, like myself, is no longer able for hard work, as I have myself, but I do try to find people to help who get left." Mrs. Okell, always generous, also sends £1, with a very kind letter, and the same handsome sum has been received from Miss Dora Hinton and Mrs. Stabb.

Miss Macvitie, who is acting matron in a Red Cross Hospital, writes:—"With heartfelt sympathy I beg to enclose 10s. for the nurse who has nearly lost her sight, towards her getting any extra food she may require in these hard times. May I help as one of the nurses placed in happier circumstances." A "Bart's Nurse," a member of the Registered Nurses' Society, and Miss B. Kent send 10s. each, "A Registered Nurse, N.Z.," and "A Nurse who has eye trouble herself," send 5s. each, and an anonymous friend 2s. 6d. We proposed last week to send Nurse N., whose loss of sight prevents her working at present, and who has only 10s. a week for all her needs, an extra 5s. a week for food; we have now £7 2s. 6d. of the £13 required—this will last quite a while—and no doubt more will come in before long. Nurses with rich patients might safely recommend this sad case to their consideration. We saw a hat marked *nine guineas* in a Regent Street shop this week. We wanted to sit upon it!

It is with great pleasure that, by permission of Sir George Frampton, we reproduce the photograph on the following page of his fine bust of Miss Edith Cavell in the Royal Academy. Those who knew Miss Cavell will realize that the sculptor has achieved not only a beautiful piece of work but a remarkable likeness, and the nursing world will be grateful for the skill which has captured, and will enshrine in permanent form, to be set on high in the centre of the metropolis, a worthy presentment of our heroic colleague.

Miss Katherine De Witt, the Secretary of the American Nurses' Association, writes to the Editor:—"I wish to extend to you, in the name of the American Nurses' Association, of which you are an honorary member, an invitation to be present at the nineteenth annual convention, to be held at New Orleans. I am afraid there is no hope of your accepting our invitations while war continues, but we shall hope that peace may return, that we may meet together again." As the only foreign member of this wonderful Association of Trained Nurses, now that Miss Nightingale and Miss Isla Stewart have passed away, we are deeply sensible of the honour and the kindness of our

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