

NURSING ECHOES.

The Lady Mayoress of Cardiff (Miss M. A. Smith) is to be congratulated upon her efforts in organizing a garden fête in aid of the funds of the local branch of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses. The fête is being held this week at Roath Park, and a most attractive programme has been arranged. A baby show promises to be a great feature of the fête. The public will vote in the selection of the best baby, and the mother of each child entered will be presented with a souvenir photograph. There will also be a special prize for twins. The Countess of Plymouth will perform the opening ceremony on the first day and the Lady Mayoress on the second.

The work of the Queen's Nurses is so widely appreciated, and the unselfish labours of these noble women are so well known, that the public may be relied upon to rally to the support of the fund.

The Bishop of Crediton (Dr. Trefusis) visited the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, Plymouth, last week, for the purpose of dedicating a mortuary chapel which has been erected in the grounds of that institution.

A considerable time ago, a lady visitor to the hospital felt that better mortuary accommodation was needed, and kindly offered a substantial donation for the provision of one, on condition that the requisite balance was found in due time. A sub-committee was appointed, the money was collected, and the chapel built.

All the chancel fittings are of fumed oak, presenting an effective appearance. The reredos is surmounted by carved cresting, below which are three panels, the tops being filled with tracery, which projects a little from the panels. The divisions between the panels have fine carving representing fruit and leaf. The super-frontal is of rich violet silk damask, with gold fringe, and bears in gold the words, "Jesus, Mercy." The altar wings are violet, with gold and violet fringe. The wall hangings are violet, with bands of dull red. The whole effect is devotional and tasteful.

Various gifts have been received. The oak bier, presented by the Lady Albertha Lopes and two of her daughters, and the carved oak cross and candlesticks, of beautiful design, given by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Swain, were not ready for the dedication. Twenty-four chairs, with leather kneelers, have been provided.

The Bishop of Exeter has given his license for Church of England services and celebration of Holy Communion in the chancel.

After the dedicatory prayers, Dr. Trefusis delivered an impressive address. They had gathered, he remarked, to dedicate that little sanctuary as a place for resting the bodies of God's saints ere they were carried forth to that space of ground where they would remain until the day of the Lord's coming: Such provision was a Christian act on the part of those who had considered it carefully and prayed over it frequently. The gift they had bestowed met a real need, for it was a solemn thing when a true man had departed this life that his body should be treated with the utmost reverence and loving care. The body had been during life the temple of the Holy Ghost; God Himself had made it His own tabernacle, an abiding-place of His own choice.

Therefore, the bodies of God's saints were dear to Him, and it was a manifestation of Christian thought when they surrounded them with all the devotion and care that was possible. It was through the body that their dear ones had expressed themselves in their daily lives—in their homes and business; and now that the body had ceased its proper functions, the true man lived in the nearer presence of his God, leaving behind the clothing of himself, which was not only precious to Him, but to those on earth who knew what he had been to them.

They, therefore, loved at times to kneel by those bodies, remembering not only the body but the soul. They also presented to God the great sacrifice of His atonement, which was made to take away sin, so that men's souls and bodies might in due course be ever with Him. There was an altar where bereaved ones could kneel and pray, and be in close communion not only with the Lord, but with those who had gone from them. For those reasons they must be reverent and careful towards the human body.

The Bishop concluded with the hope that the chapel might fulfil its great purpose, might it be the means of uplifting hearts from all the busy cares of the material side of an institution like that hospital, where so much was thought of the health of the body. Let their thoughts there rise still higher and grow more in accordance with the Divine will. Then those who had built the chapel would rejoice at what had been so lovingly accomplished.

The following conditions sound somewhat pre-historic. At a recent meeting of the St. Germans Board of Guardians, Mrs. Preedy reported on her recent visit with Miss Price to the County Asylum. The patients, she said, appeared cheerful, and were well managed; but:

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