

NURSING ECHOES.

A tablet to the memory of the late Mrs. Paston Brown, first lady chairman of Poor Law Guardians in Surrey, and deeply interested in the nursing school attached to the Kingston Hill Infirmary, has been unveiled at the Wimbledon Public Library. She was for twenty-one years a worker for the amelioration of the lot of poor children.

Speaking at a special service for hospital nurses held at St. Nicholas's Church, Liverpool, the Rector of Liverpool (the Rev. G. W. Hockley) said, in addressing them:—

In the great change, known more recently as the woman's movement in its widest sense, which had been passing over society during the last fifty years or so, few events were more remarkable and more encouraging than the development of the life and the work of nurses. Since the days of Florence Nightingale, and largely through her influence, an immense transformation had taken place in the status and conditions of nursing in this country, and in the last two years a further touch of splendour, not only through the honours conferred on nurses by the King, but through the generous spirit of self-sacrifice and labour shown by all of them, had been given to the glorious work already accomplished. The calling of the nurse ought to be regarded as a vocation from God. Nursing was a profession and an outlet for energy and enthusiasm; it was, perhaps, a fine opportunity for service to one's fellow men and women; it was very likely for many a means of livelihood, but that was only the human side. He wanted them to look

at it from the Divine side. Florence Nightingale was full of the conviction that her life-work was a direct call from God. And so it should be with others who had taken up her work. It was a very exacting and a very exhausting work, but if it was looked at in the light of a vocation, that work would be lifted to a higher level, and by it they would be given an impulse to fulfil the daily task, even though mere nature might rebel. In order that their work should acquire a Divine character the preacher urged on his hearers the importance of self-discipline and the power of religion.

Undoubtedly there were difficulties and dangers in a nurse's life, coming, as she did, into relationship with all sorts and conditions of persons, and, although in so exacting a life opportunities of prayer might be exceedingly limited, he exhorted nurses to endeavour to find some time, however little, in which to be alone with God, and, above all, to pursue their daily work in the spirit of prayer and in the spirit of devotion.

The Colonial Nursing Association is anxious to extend its work to the prairies and outlying districts of the Dominions, beginning with Canada.

It is hoped to induce the widows of

officers or of n.c.o.'s who have had their homes broken up by the war to go in for a course of midwifery, and then to engage for a tour of two years' service in the Dominions as mothers' nurses, during which they will be under the charge of local practitioners.

The difficulty at present is to get trained nurses to go out to the prairies, but it is thought that the idea of special training for this work may open a new field for women whose homes have gone.



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