

### NURSING ECHOES.

A very interesting lecture will be given on October 12th at the Æolian Hall, New Bond Street, W., by M. Gaston de Leval, who defended Miss Cavell at her trial, and will consist of an account of the proceedings. The object is to raise funds for the "Edith Cavell Homes of Rest for Nurses."

M. de Leval is an American subject, and until his country came into the war he was not able to make his story public, so unusual interest will attach to this lecture.

The Annual Meeting of the Nurses' League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, on September 1st, should be a very delightful one if the fates send a fine day. At the business meeting the speeches of Miss Helen Pearse on the National Union of Trained Nurses, and Miss Le Geyt on the Ideals of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, are sure to be full of interest, and there is much pleasurable anticipation as to the subsequent Garden Party.

The work of trained nurses is now often extended to include that of health visitor, and no nurse in a country district who realizes the possibilities of preventive nursing need ever find time heavy on her hands, even if the health of the countryside—owing maybe in great part to her own work—is exceptionally good. At Uttoxeter the nurse has now undertaken the duties of health visitor under the Notification of Births Act, and nurse-inspector in the schools. She also meets the mothers at the

Mothers' and Babies' Welcome weekly, and gives talks and instruction, so it is not surprising that Mr. A. C. Bunting, C.C., stated at the annual meeting that the time was not far distant when a second nurse would be necessary.

At the Village Hall, Datchet, last week, a meeting was convened to consider the proposal

to obtain a fully trained nurse who could give her whole time to the work. The proposition was feasible owing to the generosity of Mrs. Mocatta, who offered to contribute £50 a year for three years to the Datchet Nurse Fund. Two conditions were attached to the offer (1) That the nurse is to be fully trained, and (2) that a suitable portion of her work will be devoted to the furtherance of the Infant Welfare Centre. So liberal an offer was of course gladly accepted.

Miss Mitchell, of Pietermaritzburg, has been elected President of the South African Trained Nurses' Association, an honour which the *South African Nursing Record*, from which we reproduce the accompanying portrait, says none deserves more. Miss Mitchell is a senior member of the profession in South Africa, and holds an unrivalled record. She is one of the original



MISS J. R. MITCHELL.

The New President of the South African Trained Nurses' Association.

members of the Association, and her election is highly popular with everyone. It confidently anticipates the same success for the Association during her term of office as was its lot under the *régime* of her splendid predecessor, Miss M. Nutt, R.R.C. Miss Mitchell was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Dundee,

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