

## NURSING ECHOES.

Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) has promised to be present at a concert in aid of the Edith Cavell Homes of Rest for Nurses which will be held at the Mansion House on Thursday, October 11th.

This sea-girt tight little island used to boast with justice that, owing to its magnificent Navy, it was safe from the clutches of its European enemies, and now in the twinkling of an eye the exigencies of science have bombed that boast. There is no doubt that the capital of our Empire is now right in the war zone—and no one who has listened to a Gotha buzzing overhead and the doomful sound of an exploding bomb can doubt it. The marvel is how soon one gets used to the imminent chance of death. It would, of course, be superfluous to state that the nursing staff and all concerned of the well-known hospital, which had such a narrow escape last week, behaved with the utmost courage and devotion. Of course they did, and the smashed windows and crashing glass, distorted window frames, and appalling noise, were all taken in their stride. Happily no casualties occurred, and in a few days, had it been possible for the Kaiser's murder men to take a peep at their handiwork, they would have found very little trace of their villainy remained. All the same, as London is the direct objective of attack—so in the future Berlin, Vienna, Constantinople and Sofia must also be. Herr Hun will understand that retort courteous.

Sister Edith M. Ffoulkes, a Birmingham lady, has been decorated by the Queen of the Belgians with the Order of Elizabeth for her loyal devotion to duty during the two years she has been nursing at the largest military hospital in Flanders—the celebrated Ambulance de

l'Ocean at La Panné, which has recently suffered much from German shells. The Order, which has just been instituted, was personally bestowed upon Sister Ffoulkes by the Belgian Queen at an informal ceremony held at the villa of Dr. de Page. In addition, Sister Ffoulkes was presented with the Nieupoort Red Cross Belgian Medal. She has been engaged in nursing for over twenty years, having been in private practice in London and the Isle of Wight, as well as many well-known hospitals.

One of her sisters, Miss Alice Ffoulkes, is also engaged as a nurse at a military hospital in London, whilst a brother is serving with the Coldstream Guards in France.



MISS EDITH M. FFOLKES.

Strong comments were passed at a recent meeting of Athlone Guardians on the refusal of the Local Government Board to allow a scale of increased rations to the special nursing staff at the fever hospital. As a consequence the nurses left off duty in a body, and returned to Dublin.

The Local Government Board had cut down the dietary to the allowance suggested for the public by the Food Controller, and had directed that on no account was the modified scale to be exceeded.

It would be interesting before blaming the nurses to know what the scale dietary consisted of, and how it was cooked.

*The Nursing Journal of India* announces that a Certificate of Registration under the Societies Registration Act, No. XXI of 1860, has been granted to the Trained Nurses' Association of India and the Association of Nursing Superintendents of India, and that the two Associations have been registered as one, under the title of "The Trained Nurses' Association of India and the Association of Nursing Superintendents of India."

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