

## NURSING ECHOES.

Nurses on the staff of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, of which the King is Patron, and other hospitals where their accommodation is inadequate and out of date, may take comfort from the fact of the King's solicitude for their welfare. At a meeting of the Governors and General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London held at St. James's Palace last week, a letter from Lord Stamfordham, written by command of His Majesty, and read at the meeting, contained the following clause:

"The King is glad to see that the Distribution Committee have paid special attention this year to the accommodation provided for nurses, to whose services every hospital patient would gladly testify. The reports of the visitors have shown that the importance of due solicitude for the health and comfort of these workers is realised by the responsible authorities of the hospitals."

Through the kindness of Sister Sturges and her friends, the Registered Nurses' Society has had the pleasure of sending to the Church of England Society's Home for Waifs and Strays, Old Town Hall, Kennington, a charming collection of dolls and other toys, which cannot fail to give delight to the children who receive them at Christmas-time. The shadow of war falls heavily across the lives of little children, and the Registered Nurses' Society is glad to be the medium of this gift.

The *Times* is waking up, and actually suggests that nursing exists as a factor, as a remedial agent in the body politic. It actually makes the statement that "for many reasons the whole question of Army nurses needs overhauling." This JOURNAL made the same statement in 1914!

In reference to the report of Mr. Bridgeman's Committee on the Supply of Nurses—on which working nurses were not represented—the *Times* remarks:—

"A good many members are looking for the full statement, promised on December 5th by Mr. Macpherson, of the action taken by the War Office on this report. The prevalent suspicion that these recommendations have been ignored, or only recently taken into consideration, should be dispelled by the assurance that the date, as well as the fact, of each reform will be supplied."

There is no reason why the very tentative suggestions for much-needed reforms, made by the Supply of Nurses Committee, should not be adopted. They do not venture to touch the

fundamental abuses, from which the nursing profession suffers in the present inchoate state of Army Nursing. The Committee was too largely composed of persons responsible for the present régime. Personally, we refused to give evidence before any such tribunal—waste of time.

The American Ambassador will preside at a lecture to be given on January 10th by Mr. Herbert J. Paterson, F.R.C.S., Medical Hon. Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, on "American Nursing," at a place to be announced later. Our readers should keep this date free, as the occasion promises to be an interesting one.

Alderman Dr. Adam Wilson, Chairman of the Health Department Sub-Committee of the Newcastle Corporation, presided at the prize-giving at the Walker Gate Hospital recently, and announced that in a report submitted to the Sanitary Committee in May last, the Chairman (Mr. C. T. Stableforth) expressed a desire to present, for a period of three years at least, a gold and a silver medal to the nurses who were first and second in examination. The committee gratefully accepted the offer.

Dr. Kerr announced that out of the nurses who sat for the examination of the Fever Nurses' Association only one had failed, and the report of Dr. Arnison, the local examiner, showed that the rest did exceedingly well.

The following gained certificates:—Nurses Gladys Milne, Hilda M. Urwin, Connie Cranwell, Laura Weatheral, Caroline Skeen, Rebecca Caine, Grace Burns, May Tytler, and Elizabeth Ewart.

The Heath Trust prizes were gained by Nurses Connie Cranwell and Gladys Milne, whilst under the Carr Bequest prizes were awarded to Nurses Gladys Milne, Rebecca Caine, Caroline Skeen, Laura Weatheral, Hilda Urwin, and Grace Burn.

The gold medal given by Councillor Stableforth was won by Nurse Cranwell, and the silver medal by Nurse Milne.

Councillor Stableforth, in presenting the awards, said he wanted the nurses of the institution to feel that the country owed to them as much for the services they were rendering as it did to those in military hospitals.

The South-Eastern (Scotland) Area Joint Disablement Committee is advertising for a Matron for a Scottish National Neurasthenic Hospital, to be established under the Ministry of Pensions near Edinburgh. Particulars of the appointment will be found on page i of our advertisement columns.

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