

NURSING ECHOES.

The magazines of the London General Hospitals are always interesting: that of the 5th London General (St. Thomas') is now before us. The following description of the "Ideal Orderly," contributed by Jock Four (E Hut), gives us a glimpse of the Nursing Orderly's point of view:—

"A person crawls into a hut at break of dawn, sprinkles sawdust over an area as big as a tennis court, and commences to sweep up every particle of dust, &c., with a broom boasting about six hairs. As soon as he is spotted about thirty voices call him. He answers one, and gets a walk of 100 yards in compliance with some fad on a patient's part. Others, who have not been able to get him first, call him again in endearing terms, such as, 'Here, poultice Wallah,' or 'Here, you; am I talking to myself or?'" Oh, well, I won't say more. However, this goes on till breakfast-time, and he has a smile for all. After breakfast he meets the Sister of the hut. She says: 'From 9.30 to 12.30 you will scrub sixty lockers, forty chairs, clean thirty windows, dust the lamps, sweep the floor, scrub the bathroom, take 40 and 60 to massage, 6 and 19 to be X-rayed, get up the dinners, peel the potatoes, and clear off the dinner tables; and, of course, orderly, don't forget your ward work.' If the thing that crawled in with the dawn can smile and say, 'Yes, Sister, and may I scrub the tables in my spare time?' he is the 'Ideal Orderly.'"

Members of the nursing profession will learn with interest that the War Cabinet has approved the proposal to establish a Museum in London commemorative of the war, and the Director-General, Mr. Martin Conway, announces that "the needful preliminary steps having been taken, and a nucleus organization set up, it is necessary to obtain the co-operation of every member of the fighting forces of both services at the earliest possible moment. Only by such co-operation can the desired result be attained. His Majesty the King has been pleased to express his sympathy with the proposed War Museum, and he trusts that it may be made thoroughly representative of the achievements of all units engaged in the war, both in the combatant and non-combatant services.

"By private and public initiative, similar enterprises have been set on foot in Allied and in Enemy Countries. It is not desirable that the historian of the future should have to go abroad to pursue his studies in German museums

through lack of material provided at home. The length of time that has already passed since the beginning of the war, and the consequent transfer into private hands of countless memorials of priceless value for the future, render the generous co-operation of such owners essential. This is specially true in respect of documents of all kinds. Life on ship-board and in the trenches produces a transient literature and art of its own. The Museum should possess all the ship and trench magazines, journals, poems, popular songs, characteristic private letters, writings, sketches, caricatures, maps, and so forth. The Admiralty, the War Office, and the Ministry of Munitions will deposit in the Museum the large mass of official exhibits, but such an assemblage will be a dead accumulation unless it is vitalized by contributions expressive of the action, the experiences, the valour, and the endurance of individuals. The brave men who have performed heroic deeds, and too often laid down their lives for their country in the performance, must be commemorated by their portraits. The photographic record of persons and places must be as complete as possible."

The Chairman is Sir Alfred Mond, the Secretary Lieut. Charles Foulkes, Curator of the Armoury at the Tower, and the Temporary Offices are at H.M. Office of Works, Storey's Gate, Westminster, S.W. 1.

There are Sub-Committees for the Admiralty, War Office, Ministry of Munitions, and Record Office, and for Women's Work, the object of the last-mentioned being that Women's Work shall not be overlooked. The Chairman of this sub-committee is the Hon. Lady Norman, the Hon. Secretary Miss Conway, and the Assistant Secretary Miss S. Wolfe Murray. The offices of this sub-committee are at No. 9, Queen Anne's Gate.

A section of interest second to none may be that which concerns trained nursing, if the interest and co-operation of the nursing profession are secured. Meanwhile we hear that particulars of those nurses who have been decorated, of whom over 1,000 have already received the Royal Red Cross, and 17 the Military Cross, are being filed in the Reference Library. The medical history of the war is being written by Major Brewerton, with the co-operation of Sir Alfred Keogh.

Several nurses have written to ask, "Shall I have the vote?" Yes, if you are eligible for the Local Government Franchise, and are aged

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