

NURSING ECHOES.

The Preliminary Nurse Training School at St. Thomas' Hospital has, through the energy of the Matron, Miss Lloyd-Still, now become possessed of the Chase Doll, a full-sized figure, specially designed for teaching purposes, which has come over from America. The vicissitudes to which "Lady Chase"—as the Doll has been named—was subjected on her way across were many, including being torpedoed, but she is now safely in bed at St. Thomas' Hospital, and generations of probationers, let us hope, will learn deftness by practising upon her before beginning work in the wards.

We have to thank those readers who have undertaken, in response to our appeal, to send THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING each week to the Princess Victoria's Rest Clubs for Nurses in France. All the ten Clubs are now, by their kindness, provided for.

Miss M. Ellis Rowell, who for many years has carried on a successful nursing home at 49, Beaumont Street, Portland Place, W., has recently enlarged it, so that she can now take in twenty patients. By some ingenious planning it has been possible to add a charming sitting and waiting-room, an up-to-date theatre, and sleeping accommodation for the nursing staff—some of whom have hitherto been obliged to sleep out—on the premises. Miss Rowell is to be congratulated on these additions, which must add to the convenience and smooth working of the Home.

"E. C. Somerville," M.F.H., writing on "Not the Woman's Place" in the *English-woman*, says:—"Time was when there were but few forms of healthy, normal enjoyment to which these words, pregnant of prunes, prisms, and prisons did not apply. . . . Even in philanthropy, in whose domain the conventional Ministering Angel might have been assigned a place, 'The Woman' was assured that she had none. I have been privileged to meet one of Miss Florence Nightingale's contemporaries and acquaintances, an old lady of over ninety, with whom to speak was as though one had leaped backwards through the rushing years and landed in a peaceful backwater of earliest Victorian times.

"'Florence Nightingale?' said this little old lady, buried in a big chair, looking like a tiny, shrivelled white mouse with bright blue eyes and

grey mittens. 'Ah! Yes, I knew her well. A beautiful woman, my dear; but she had that curious fancy for washing dirty men!'—which, no doubt, expressed a very general view of the life-work of the Lady of the Lamp."

Miss Lavinia L. Dock, writing on "A Revolutionary Age" in the *American Journal of Nursing*, commends the recent Nurses' Poster Parade in London protesting against the attempt of society women to collect charitable funds for nurses, and the boycott of their subsidized press. Referring to the parade, Miss Dock says, "It took courage, as we know by experience, and it is a strange sidelight one gets on the vexatious meddling and interference with their legitimate affairs that our British sisters are subjected to!"

The saddest aspect of the case is that those holding high office in the nursing world in this country have united with society climbers, and persons of alien antecedents in this process of patronage, presumably never realising that they are sapping their own status meanwhile.

The Annual Report of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Co-operation of Trained Nurses, 16-18, Sardinia Terrace, Glasgow West, is a very successful record of work. There were 165 Nurses on the Roll on October 1st, 1916. Six new nurses have been elected during the year, five have resigned, and one perished when the hospital ship *Salta* was torpedoed. Seventy-five are on War Service; seven have been decorated by the King, for distinguished services, with the Royal Red Cross, and others have been mentioned in despatches.

As it is now 25 years since the Co-operation was founded by Miss Helen M. Rough, it is to be expected that the older members of the staff will by degrees retire from active work. As all nurses from different causes are not able to save enough to ensure them a competence when their working days are over, the Committee last year decided to raise a Benevolent Fund, £3,000 being the amount aimed at. Over £2,800 has already been received.

Nurses residing in the Home when off duty make a quarterly payment of £1, which entitles them to sleeping accommodation, board being charged at the rate of 12s. 6d. per week, or 2s. 6d. per day. Non-resident nurses pay £1 annually, for which they have the use of the Nurses' Parlour, where books, magazines, the daily papers, and writing materials are supplied.

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