

NURSING ECHOES.

For all the kind wishes received from friends far and near we return heartfelt thanks. A Happy New Year to all.

Once more Christmas has come and gone. We hear that a real "Victory" tone pervaded the hospitals and the festivities for the troops, and that a spirit of thankfulness inspired one and all—the glorious dead were not forgotten by the comrades who loved them.

One young soldier said to us:—"Just to be alive, how glorious! But I took the risk. Yet when I think of the dead and broken—somehow I do not feel I ought to be so glad. I just lie awake nights springing with joy."

"Got a mother?" we asked.

"Yes—better than anybody's mother."

"Got a sweetheart?"

"You bet."

"That accounts for it. These two dear ones are just doing a bit of wireless—Honour the dead, help the broken, deserve happiness."

"Right you are."

A very enjoyable "At Home" was held recently at the County Hospital, York, in the Nurses' Home, where the Hon. Sec. of the York County Hospital Linen Guild and the Nurses' Needlework Guild held the annual show of garments sent by the members of the Nurses' Needlework Guild. 288 garments were shown, all most useful and pretty things for the Children's and Adult Wards. The Hon. Sec., Miss Ethel Crombie, who is an invalid and indefatigable in her good works for the hospital, personally manages both guilds. The members of the Linen Guild sent 627 articles of linen this year, making a total of 915 for both guilds. Several friends of the hospital were also present.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

Infectious Diseases Hospital, Kelso, N.B.—Miss J. M. Findlater has been re-elected Matron. She has been engaged in a Military Hospital during the war.

SISTER.

City of Westminster Union Infirmary, Fulham Road, London.—Miss Emma Marsh has been appointed Sister. She was trained at Marylebone Infirmary, where she was Staff Nurse and Sister, and has seen military service as staff nurse in the Reserve of Q.A.I.M.N.S. at the Lord Derby War Hospital, Warrington.

CROIX DE GUERRE FOR BRITISH WOMEN.

At the Scottish Women's Hospital, known as the Hôpital des Armées No. 30, installed in the Abbaye de Royaumont, not far from Villers-Cotterets, General Nourisson recently presented thirty Croix de Guerre to members of the staff. The hospital was in May subjected to heavy bombardment.

With Miss Ivens, the head physician, the list of women decorated includes: Miss Nicholson, Mrs. Berry, Miss Courtauld, Miss Maitland, and Miss Henry, the five surgeons; Mme. Manuel, bacteriologist, Miss Storey, radiologist, Miss Collum, assistant radiologist, who was badly injured when the *Sussex* was torpedoed; Miss Ramsay Smith, treasurer; Miss O'Rorke, and Miss Lindsay, Matrons; Miss Goodwin, Miss Anderson, Miss Inglis, Miss Chapman, Miss Rolt, Miss Smieton, Miss Armstrong and Miss Daunt, Nurses; Miss Murray, Miss Fulton, and Miss Smeale, chauffeurs.

RECONSTRUCTION IN FRANCE.

Many of the splendid hospitals organised in the finest hotels in Paris have closed their doors, and the war nurses have gone home, or have flitted to pastures new. The Astoria is now given up to clerical workers for the British Peace Conference section, and Miss du Sautoy, the Matron, and Lady Hermione Blackwood have been entrusted with some very important reconstruction work at Pierrefonds by the British Committee of the French Red Cross, which, when they get the staff together, promises to be of deep interest and extremely useful, as every sort of organisation to help the people in the devastated areas is required to set civilised life running again. The British Committee is spending part of the grand sum of £360,000, subscribed to its funds this year, in tackling the immense question of the tuberculous soldier, and providing food, clothes, and crèches in France, where every penny can be well spent.

Miss du Sautoy is a practical organiser to her finger tips, and is just the woman to meet and overcome the tremendous difficulties to be faced in this work of healing social conditions. We wish her and her staff all success.

THE "NATION'S NOBLEST."

The reply sent to the press in answer to the letter of the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley by the nurses who objected to the exploitation of their profession by such a function as the widely-advertised *Daily Sketch* Victory Ball, was apparently placed on the *Index Expurgatorius* of the lavishly subsidised Capitalist newspapers. It did not appear in one of them.

Manchester and Dublin are to repeat this type of function; let us hope not in its entirety, as the more details we hear, the more inexcusable were its methods. We presume neither Manchester nor Dublin wishes to tap ill-gotten gains for the "Nation's Noblest."

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