

NURSING ECHOES.

At a general Court of Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, it was announced that the Queen had consented to the proposed new Home for the nurses being named after herself.

The Grand Cross of Honour of the Portuguese Red Cross has been conferred upon Queen Alexandra.

The Army Council has, we are glad to see, conveyed to all members of the V.A.D.'s its deep sense of gratitude "to these devoted helpers in the great cause of humanity." We read our papers carefully but suppose we must have missed the expression of appreciation from the Army Council to the Trained Matrons, Sisters, and Nurses of the Regular Services for their unstinting devotion and sacrifice from the first to the last day of the war.

It has been decided, subject to the consent of the Home Office, that the interment of Nurse Edith Cavell shall take place outside the fabric of Norwich Cathedral. A site has been chosen in an enclosed and unoccupied space called "Life's Green." It will be about ten yards to the eastward of St. Luke's Chapel—a spot which, so far as the Cathedral architect is aware, has received no previous interments.

During the stay in Brussels of the sister and brother-in-law of the late Miss Edith Cavell, prior to the removal of the remains for the Westminster Abbey service on May 15th, two mural tablets, fixed in the Edith Cavell Nurses' School, to her memory and of that of Madame Marie Depage, her co-worker, who perished in the *Lusitania*, will be formally dedicated.

Miss Cavell's relatives will also see the model, which is approaching completion, of the monument which the nurses, past and present, of her institute are proposing to erect in the forecourt of the new home, into which they moved three days' after their heroic matron's arrest.

The Nurse Cavell monument, which is to be erected outside the National Portrait Gallery, is being sculptured at the De Lank Quarries, near St. Breward, Cornwall, says the *Daily News*. The work, as has already been stated, has been entrusted to Sir George Frampton, R.A., who has given his services. The monument is in several parts, and will be 40 feet in height.

A portion of the monument will be of Carrara marble. The weight of the block from which the nurse's figure has been carved is about 10 tons. It is expected that the memorial will be completed in about two months.

On May 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, there will be a special service for nurses and those interested in the Nursing Profession in the Church of St. Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square at 3.30 p.m. each day.

A course of three addresses will be delivered by the Rev. A. Lombardini, who is taking for his subject "Divine Legacies."

No doubt many nurses will avail themselves of this opportunity of expressing their gratitude to the nurses for their gallant service to the sick and dying.

The British Medical Association has appointed Mr. E. B. Turner, F.R.C.S. and Mr. N. Bishop Harman, F.R.C.S., to represent it in the Special Committee on the Economic Position of Nurses of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland.

The *Questionnaire* sent out to the Matrons is of a very comprehensive nature, and deals with (1) the Physical Welfare of Nurse Students in the Home, as to comfort, meals and recreation, hours of duty, holidays, percentage of sickness, &c., arrangements for night nurses and the theatre staff; (2) Uniform; (3) Education system—lectures, practical work and examinations, library; (4) Certificates, and (5) Salaries; (6) Remarks. If the courtesy of detailed replies is accorded, the Report should be of very great practical value to hospital managers and to the General Nursing Council when it is appointed.

The Registered Nurses' Society, which has its offices at 431, Oxford St., London, W., has during the war kept the business together for those members who were granted leave to join the Military Nursing Services. But do not let them forget, as they return to private duty after rest and holiday, that they owe this security of employment to Sister Cartwright, who has often worked double hours so that the good business she has helped to build up for the members shall not depreciate during their absence, and also to those colleagues who during the war have faithfully fulfilled their obligations to the Society.

Nurses are seldom women of business beyond the question of their own fees, and few realise what it has meant for the past four and

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