

NURSING ECHOES.

Contributions are beginning to come in well in support of Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone's appeal for a new Nurses' Home at Middlesex Hospital, which provides for a preliminary training school. It is estimated to cost about £50,000. Mr. Gwynne Vaughan Morgan has sent £500, the Dow. Lady Brassey £500, Lord Portman £300, and many other friends £100.

With all the changes to be effected in our Nurse Training Schools if they are to fulfil their purpose, it will not be possible in the future to organize an efficient school without an up-to-date Nurses' Home attached. Most hospitals have entirely outgrown any temporary arrangements which do not provide for teaching.

This has long been a most urgent need at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and we would suggest that in recognition of the national part played by its Sisters and Nurses during the war, the City of London should build and endow a beautiful Memorial Nursing School and Home in connection with this historic Hospital, as a thank-offering for Victory; it could not expend its wealth upon a more useful or deserving cause.

We have been hearing things about Sanatoria systems which do not please us at all. Cut and dried systems which apparently make no allowance for the psychology of the patient. Anyway, there appears a very urgent need for a Sanatorium for Nurses, where they would receive individual care, and where the regulations could be framed to meet their special needs. At present these tired women have apparently to herd with many others, as in the majority of sanatoria there are far too few single bedrooms, therefore no privacy, and apparently no silence rooms, which means no rest and quiet—so acceptable to women of refined habits, and without which blessings, even good food and air fail of their effect. We have placed this matter before the Hon. Secretary of the Edith Cavell Homes of Rest, through which organization a Sanatorium for the treatment of nurses suffering from tuberculosis might well be added to their list. What a boon it would be.

The Manchester and Salford Sick Poor and Private Nursing Institution, of which the annual meeting was held last week, has continued a great and growing work amid the distractions of war time. The Lord Mayor (Alderman Makeague) was in the chair.

The fifty-third annual report embraced details of the work in the different districts—Salford, Ardwick, Hulme, Harpurhey, and Bradford—and at the Memorial Nursing Home in Swinton Grove. Towards the £20,000 Appeal Fund opened last year £13,404 had been realised, and it was still hoped to obtain the full sum desired. During the year, 6,093 patients had been attended, against 5,894 in the year before, and the visits numbered 144,721, against 144,952.

The Lord Mayor, in moving the adoption of the report and accounts, spoke highly of the work of the Institution, and commended it to the support of the citizens. The Dean of Manchester seconded the resolution, and said that for thirty years he had known the work of district nurses in the homes of the poor elsewhere, and no parish priest would like to contemplate a condition of things when district nurses should be no more.

Sir F. Forbes Adam said that owing to the efforts of those who had collected the fund, now approaching £14,000, the Institution would be placed in a new position, and it was hoped that it would be possible to extend the work where such extension was badly needed.

The attention of the Liverpool Health Committee has been called officially by the medical officer of health (Dr. E. W. Hope) to the valuable services rendered during the recent epidemic of influenza by the matrons and nurses of the Liverpool Queen Victoria District Nursing Association. Notwithstanding that the staff was depleted on account of the nurses taking up military duties to about two-thirds of its full strength, 2,500 cases of influenza and pneumonia were nursed, in addition to the ordinary cases attended. Excessively long hours had to be worked, and several nurses contracted the infection, one case proving fatal. The Health Committee's nurses also assisted to reduce the effects of the outbreak.

When the report was presented to the Health Committee the chairman (Alderman Muirhead) and Alderman R. R. Meade-King voiced the general desire that the public would respond by subscribing to an additional extent to the funds of the Nursing Association.

Might we suggest that these subscriptions should be expended for the benefit of the nurses in return for their self-denying work? An extra holiday at the expense of the Fund would be practical proof of the appreciation expressed by the Medical Officer of Health.

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