

NURSING ECHOES.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has accepted the office of Advisory Matron for the selection of Sisters to work in the devastated districts in France for the *Comité Britannique Croix Rouge Française*. Sisters Conway-Gordon, Dora Sainsbury, Anna B. Banks, and F. Adine Wood, late F.F.N.C., are already doing useful work in this connection.

Miss Emily Haswell passed through London for Paris this week, after her two months' visit to America. She has had a wonderful time, and greatly enjoyed the experience. The eight-hours' day for hospital nurses is now becoming very general in the United States, and is arranged by extended hours off duty daily, and not by three shifts, which is so trying to sick people.

A quiet day for prayer and meditation will be held, in connection with the Nurses' Missionary League, at St. Mary Woolnoth, Lombard Street, Mansion House, E.C., conducted by the Rev. H. St. B. Holland, M.A., on Tuesday, December 2nd, beginning with Holy Communion at 10 a.m. Leaflets giving details of the arrangements may be obtained from the Secretary, Miss H. Y. Richardson, 52, Lower Sloane Street, S.W. 1.

The new Nurses' Home at Barts has become a live subject, after many days. We remember plans in draft in the year 1886. Lack of a Collegiate Home has retarded progress in the up-to-date training of the nursing staff in a marked manner. As yet there is no preliminary training home in connection with the hospital, and it is hoped one will be established for pupil-probationers as part of the Queen Mary's Home for St. Bartholomew's Nurses.

Now that Sisters are returning to their wards in many general hospitals, quite a few Mons ribbons are to be seen about. This is a much coveted honour.

Two vacancies for Matrons' posts, for which there is sure to be keen competition, are those at the London Homeopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C., where the nurse-training school has justly a high reputation, and the Royal Albert Hospital, Devonport. Particulars of both vacancies will be found in our advertisement columns.

A meeting of the Mothers' Defence League,

held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, last week, adopted a resolution protesting against "the increasing invasion of the home as a menace to individual liberty, and to the rights of parents over their children."

The protest was made in connection with the periodical visits of the Ministry of Health officials, and Mrs. Cecil Chesterton expressed the belief that it was the intention of the Ministry of Health to give the Health Visitors power to enter the houses of the poor, whether the people wish it or not. We cannot believe this is correct.

The Women's Freedom League holds its annual Green, White and Gold Fair at the Central Hall, Westminster, on November 28th and 29th, when a Model Parliamentary Election will take place at 4.30 on the 29th inst. The six women candidates will each give an election address of five-minutes' length, after which each candidate will be exposed to five minutes' heckling. Then polling will take place. The candidates are: Miss Nina Boyle (Conservative), Miss Froud (Women Teachers' candidate), Councillor Beatrice Kent (Nurses' candidate), Miss Anna Munro (Independent), Mrs. Keevil Rickford (Labour), Miss F. A. Underwood (Independent Liberal). The chairman will be Miss Janet Gibson.

The Proportional Representation Society are providing the ballot papers, and taking the count. A short explanation of the system will be given, and the voting will provide a practical demonstration of the working of this method. All over 21 are urged to vote.

An over-zealous woman tariff-reformer asked a policeman on Finsbury Pavement what were his political beliefs. But her strange conduct caused an amused crowd to collect, and she was arrested.

When she was charged at the Guildhall on Saturday with disorderly conduct, the constable said that the woman, whose name is Kate Brown, a nurse, asked him whether he was a tariff-reformer. He replied that, as a policeman, he did not enter into politics, whereupon she said: "You are a lot of rogues and thieves, and half the robberies are attributed to the police. I am proud of the fact that I am not an Anglo-Saxon, because they are all half-German. Why, we shall have the Germans over here shortly eating off our tables."

"I pointed out to her," said the officer, "that a crowd had collected, and asked her to go away, when she produced a pair of lorgnettes and scanned the crowd."

The alderman, discharging her, said that if

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