

### NURSING ECHOES.

The interest taken by trained nurses in the Rules under which their Profession will be governed in the future was strikingly demonstrated by the influential and successful meetings of nurses held last week in Manchester and Liverpool, when crowded audiences listened attentively to addresses from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and the University, Liverpool. Mrs. Fenwick and Miss M. Breay were the guests of Miss M. E. Sparshott, C.B.E., R.R.C., at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and under her guidance had an opportunity of seeing this fine building, greatly enjoying their visit and Miss Sparshott's kind hospitality. At Liverpool next day, as the guests of Miss C. Worsley, they saw the beautiful Children's Infirmary in Myrtle Street, and we hope shortly to give a description of both institutions.

We publish in the current issue an account of the meeting held in the Out-patient Hall of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, on October 21st. Next week we shall report the Liverpool meeting, when the Physics Theatre at the University was filled to overflowing. The address given was, in each instance, much the same, but a number of questions were asked and answered by Mrs. Fenwick at Liverpool.

We are glad to hear St. George's nurses made a great success of their Fancy Fair, held at the hospital for two days last week. Many charming articles were on sale, and teas and side-shows brought grist to the mill—which aimed at helping to raise funds to pay off the hospital debt of £30,000. The nurses, who have also raised more than £600 from the half-crown fund they recently organised among themselves, hope to realise £1,000.

The matron and nursing staff of the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, are endeavouring to raise funds for the institution by means of a bazaar, to take place on November 23rd.

They will be very glad to receive donations of money or gifts for the sale, and would be glad if all those interested would send their contributions (other than perishable ones) by November 15th. Perishable goods they would like sent in on November 22nd, or before eleven o'clock on the morning of November 23rd.

The nurses appeal specially to all nurses who received their training in the Infirmary;

to all those patients (and their friends) who have been helped by the Infirmary; to the general public, who benefit directly or indirectly by the work done in the Infirmary.

Donations in money may be sent to the matron, or Sister Charteris, at the Infirmary. Goods should be sent to Sister Darling or Sister Jones at the Infirmary.

There will be stalls for white goods, such as tray cloths, teacloths, pillow slips, &c.; for fancy goods, toys, handkerchiefs, woollen goods, sweets, plants, and also a provision and pound stall.

As we notified in our last issue, the fine work of Miss C. C. du Sautoy of organising a District Nursing Service in Reims is now completed, and she will shortly be moving to Blérancourt, Aisne, to take up work as the Directrice of the general hospital there, though she will continue to inspect the work in Reims. The hospital was originally founded by the American Women's Hospital Committee, when it was staffed by medical women, and did splendid work amongst the civilians at the close of the war. Two years ago it was taken over by the Comité Américain pour les Régions Dévastées.

On the 14th inst. a great luncheon party was given, in the old library in the Hospice Général at Reims by the Administration of Hospices of the town, to the delegates of similar Administrations who were visiting Reims; in all, 150 people were present. All the heads of charities in the town were asked to meet these delegates, and Miss du Sautoy was amongst those invited.

At the conclusion of the banquet M. Guichard, the Head Director of Charities in Reims, made a speech, in which he alluded in glowing terms to the work of Miss du Sautoy and her nurses, concluding by presenting her, in the name of the town, with a beautiful bronze plaque as a mark of appreciation of the work she has done for Reims.

The plaque, which is about three inches long, bears on one side, in relief, a representation of the burning Cathedral, and an avenging angel driving the enemy before him; and, on the other, a female figure, representing "Dawn" rising above the ruins.

The plaque was designed during 1914, and is given by the members of an ancient Guild which dates from mediæval times, and was originally formed by volunteers, who in times of danger, plague, and fires undertook to render what aid they could to the town. The plaque is now given only to those citizens who are considered to have rendered conspicuous

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