

NURSING ECHOES.

The course of three lantern lectures arranged by the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, to take place at the Hospital on the first three Tuesdays in October, at 8.30 p.m., promises to be of exceptional interest. The first two are by Lieut.-Commander Collingwood Hughes—on October 3rd on "Zeebrugge," and on October 10th on "The Navy at War." On October 17th, Mr. Allen S. Walker will lecture on the Royal City of Westminster and its Abbey, and a rare treat is assured.

The lectures are open to non-members of the League. Tickets may be obtained from Miss Baines, Secretary to the League, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C. Members 2s. 6d. and non-members 5s. the Course; admission to a single lecture, 2s.

The Newport and District Nursing Association (Salop) is to be congratulated on the satisfactory report which was presented to a recent meeting of the Executive Committee, held at the Nurses' Home, when the Hon. Treasurer (Mr. Wilks) was able to present a statement of the accounts of the Association to that day, showing a balance to its credit for the first time since pre-war days.

The Annual Report of the Ministry of Health states that a meeting of a Committee of the Welsh Consultative Council (under the Welsh Board of Health) appointed to consider the question of the provision that should be made for the future nursing services in Wales was held in December, and a considerable amount of material for consideration in connection with this problem has been collected by the Council.

The Committee who drew up the Rockefeller Report on Nursing Education express the opinion that, while training schools for nurses have made remarkable progress, and while the best schools of to-day in many respects reach a high level of educational attainment, the average hospital training school is not organised on such a basis as to conform to the standards accepted in other educational fields; that the instruction in such schools is frequently casual and uncorrelated; that the educational needs and the health and strength of students are frequently sacrificed to practical hospital exigencies; that such shortcomings are primarily due to the lack of independent endowments for nursing education; that existing educational

facilities are, on the whole, in the majority of schools, inadequate for the preparation of the high grade of nurses required for the care of serious illness, and for service in the fields of public health nursing and nursing education, and that one of the chief reasons for the lack of sufficient recruits, of a high type, to meet such needs lies precisely in the fact that the average hospital training school does not offer a sufficiently attractive avenue of entrance to this field.

Following the convention of the American Nurses' Association in Seattle, U.S.A., it was the pleasure of the Pacific Division to have as guests Miss Clara D. Noyes, Director of the American Red Cross Nursing Service, and Miss Elizabeth Fox, Director of the American Red Cross Public Health Nursing Service, at a luncheon in San Francisco, of which an interesting report is published in the *Pacific Coast Journal of Nursing*. In the course of a talk given on this occasion, Miss Noyes said: "One of the most constructive things we have done has been the organisation of schools of nursing in countries where no such schools existed. The first school we organised was in Czecho-Slovakia. This school was started, taking over a group of American nurses who were well trained for that purpose. Then gradually as we came along with our work, being done with the A.R.A., we developed our child-welfare clinics, here, there, and everywhere. You will be interested to know that from this training school we have already graduated a class, and in each of the twenty child-welfare stations which we have organised we have been able to place a native nurse trained in the school of nursing organised three years ago by the American Red Cross. This fall our American nurses will all come away from this school and the native nurses trained in the school will take over the responsibility for its operation. The child-welfare stations are being turned over to the community July 1st. As we have been doing the work we have been building up the local personnel, for the Red Cross in all its work has done it on a fifty-fifty basis—where we have given the money and materials, the community has given the personnel, &c.; they must do their share.

"In Poland the same thing has happened. Two schools of nursing have been organised there and are well under way. In connection with our school in Warsaw, which I think would rank with any of the modern nursing schools in this country, the money for the

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