

### NURSING ECHOES.

It is not only Registered Nurses who hold Major R. W. Barnett in the highest esteem. We learn that the Prime Minister has lent him his very own car for Election Day, November 15th. We call this "some" *coupé*! Many good Conservatives in South-West St. Pancras will be proud to drive to the poll in a car so closely associated with their political aspirations. We hope nothing will prevent nurses in this constituency recording their votes for Major Barnett.

The Editor and Assistant Editor of this Journal were very uplifted when they learned that Major Barnett's election agent thought so favourably of the little article which appeared in support of the "Nurses' Champion" in our issue last week that he had ordered 30,000 reprints for propaganda purposes.

Councillor Beatrice Kent's wide circle of friends will heartily congratulate her upon her re-election on to the St. Pancras Borough Council by an increased vote of 1,150. Councillor Beatrice Kent has put in a very strenuous time during the past three years—the fate of those with the courage of their opinions where abuses need opposition—and in opposing the blasphemous and unpatriotic teaching in Communist Schools, the waste of the ratepayers' money, and jobs generally, Councillor Kent has stood her ground right royally in debate and in recording her vote. Public opinion for the nonce has removed her chief opponents, so we wish her health and strength to do good constructive work for St. Pancras during her coming term of office.

The Naval Medical Memorial will be unveiled at the Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham, on Saturday, November 11th, at 3.30 p.m. Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Hill, K.C.B., K.C.M.G., C.V.O., Medical Director-General of the Navy, will perform the ceremony.

Similar Memorials have been unveiled at Portsmouth and Plymouth.

Nothing is more disadvantageous to a profession than to be spoon-fed. At the end of the war the United Nursing Services formed a Company and established an excellent Club at 34, Cavendish Square, W., as they desired to keep in touch with one another. The Club has been very well managed, but the opening of the Cowdray Club on a charitable basis in the same Square has naturally cut at the economic

basis of that founded by nurses for themselves. We learn that it has been decided to admit to the United Services Club ladies of professional standing other than nurses who are interested in questions of general welfare. The terms are very moderate, and at present the entrance fee is only a guinea. Clubs for women are springing up in all directions; it is a problem how to make them pay.

The new Nurses' Home in connection with the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, which it is hoped to erect in York Place, near the Infirmary, is calculated to cost £100,000, and in aid of this the M.R.I. nurses organised a three days' bazaar, which was held in the Out-Patients' Hall last week, and which, we are pleased to learn, was a great success.

Sir William Cobbett, the Chairman, stated at the opening ceremony that before the Infirmary moved to its present site the sisters and nurses worked 66 day hours or 77 night hours in the week. After the removal it was possible to arrange the work with day nurses on duty 63 hours a week and night nurses 73 hours, but now the Board of Management desire to reduce the working hours to 56 hours a week for all hands. This reduction will make it necessary to increase the nursing staff by 60, for whom provision must be made. Even now accommodation is not adequate, and some nurses are living in lodgings. The Nurses' Home attached to the present buildings was designed to accommodate 186 people, and there are already 222 nurses working in the Infirmary.

There is nothing which contributes more to a good standard of nursing than a comfortable Nurses' Home. This is now universally recognised. When we recall that, in the 'seventies, nurses at the M.R.I. worked weekly for 81½ hours on day duty and 91 hours on night duty, exclusive of meals, and that so eager were certain pupils for practical experience that they stayed on duty *with pleasure* even longer if required, we realise how times have changed where nursing service is concerned.

A very interesting ceremony took place last week, in connection with the Chasetown and District Nursing Association, when the memorial stone of the new Nurses' Home at Sankey's Corner was unveiled. For some time past it has been the desire of the committee to erect a permanent Nurses' Home that would meet the requirements of the district, and their aspirations are at last being realised.

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