

NURSING ECHOES.

If the Nursing Profession only knew it, just the one person it cannot spare at the present crisis is Margaret Breay, much of whose splendid life's service upon its behalf is recorded in the *B.J.N.* for future nurses to appreciate.

Thus when a message on the "phone" came through last Thursday that Miss Breay had met with a motor accident, and had been taken in an ambulance to University College Hospital, the shock was great.

A few minutes later we found her in the Casualty Department of that hospital, receiving skilled attention to head injuries, which mercifully were not of a dangerous nature, although half a dozen stitches were necessary. After a few hours' kind attention and close watching, the patient, of course, maintaining her usual calm, she was permitted to leave the hospital, and was soon in her own bed, recovering from the shock, having escaped most mercifully from fatal injury.

Two days quiet, and she was able to make the journey by car to her family in Surrey, where she is now making a good recovery in lovely surroundings.

Hundreds of nurse friends will rejoice that "Braikie," who has placed her splendid literary talents, literally her whole life and fortune, at the disposal of her profession, has been spared to them, and will pray for her speedy and complete recovery.

The Octocentenary Celebrations to be held in connection with St. Bartholomew's Hospital will soon be here, and the reports of the sub-committees will make all loyal Bart.'s nurses long to take part in them. There will be a service to commence the celebrations at the Priory Church of St. Bartholomew's the Great at 10.30 a.m. on Tuesday, June 5th. The Solemnity in the Hospital Square will be at 11.30 on the 5th, and is to be of a very elaborate nature:—

Five processions will be formed:—

- (a) A procession of Augustinian Canons chanting the ancient hymn used at the foundation of an Augustinian Priory.
- (b) A procession illustrating the departure of Rahere on his pilgrimage to Rome.
- (c) A procession of King Henry VIII with the Lord Mayor, commonalty and citizens of London. Mr. Arthur Bouchier has promised to enact the part of Henry VIII.

(d) A procession of R.A.M.C., with ambulance, &c., as used in the Great War.

(e) A procession of the President, Treasurer and Chief Officers of the Hospital.

Each procession will be preceded by a fanfare of silver trumpets.

Appropriate music will be played by the band of the Coldstream Guards.

The Augustinian Canons will march round the Square and then leave the Hospital.

The other processions will be arranged in the centre of the Square facing the Entrance Gateway.

It is hoped that members of the Heralds' College may be present in uniform, and that one of them may be authorised by the President to read a Proclamation announcing the opening of the celebrations.

The National Anthem will then be played, and the processions will retire in reverse order to their entrance.

Colonel Mackenzie Rogan, C.V.O., has kindly promised to organise the musical part of this pageant.

Visitors will be seated on all sides of the Square, leaving sufficient room for the service of the Hospital.

We are pleased to note that Councillor Beatrice Kent's arresting article on Communist Sunday Schools, "A Memorable Sunday Afternoon," has been reprinted in full, from our pages, in the March issue of the *Canadian Nurse*.

Nurses Near and Far remarks of the Nurses' Associations in China and Korea:—

"We are glad to know that a member of the Nurses' Missionary League is this year serving as Secretary of the Nurses' Association of China, but it is sad to hear from her that there is a danger of some of the Registered Training Schools having to be closed for lack of qualified Sisters to carry on the work. She writes: 'Surely Great Britain, with all her nurses, could spare us a few dozens and never miss them, and they would mean so much to us.'

"Members will also be interested in the following paragraph:—

"At the last meeting of the Occidental Graduate Nurses' Association of Korea, which is composed of all the Missionary Nurses in the country, held in Seoul, the question of text-books was discussed at length, and united action was taken to supply funds to finance the printing of a text-book on nursing which is being translated by one of the Missionary Nurses, nine of the nurses making themselves responsible for 100 yen (\$50) for this fund."

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