

## NURSING ECHOES.

The Marchioness Curzon of Kedleston was received by Queen Alexandra on Monday morning, and presented to Her Majesty, as Patron of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, a cheque for £3,300, being the proceeds of the Ball organised by her at Lansdowne House in aid of the funds of the Institute.

The Sale of Frills and Furbelows held at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., on Saturday last, in aid of the restoration of Thoroton Church Spire, was a great success. Mrs. Fenwick's "past glories" made a fine show, and after reposing in tissue paper for a number of years, came out looking wonderfully fresh and attractive. It was quite a treat to handle real Lyons silk velvet and pure silks and satins—works of art the present generation has no chance to acquire—with tinsels and mercerised goods, cotton-backed satins and velvets, and other shoddy rubbish sold at fabulous prices.

The Sale, apparently, was held at a psychological moment, as the members of the Royal British Nurses' Association have it in mind to form a Dramatic Society, and the few leading spirits led by Miss Isabel Macdonald are keen on securing a "theatrical wardrobe." The Frills and Furbelows Sale gave them the chance—of which they wisely availed themselves—to secure robes (we will not describe them as frocks) which with the help of a clever needle can be turned to most useful advantage; and as the ambition of the new Society soars to the performance of Shakespeare, we see Katherine of Arragon, Portia, Beatrice, to say nothing of cloaks, breeches, and feathered caps for Henry VIII, Benedick, and Conte Paris, well provided with appropriate attire. We are delighted to have two such worthy causes benefit by the Sale. A few bargains still remain for disposal, and as every little helps, we hope they will be picked up. They can be seen at 431, Oxford Street, W.

We have to thank Miss Kingsford for a cheque for ros. 6d. toward the Fund; Miss Hulme for pretty vases, not yet sold; Miss Alderman for a charming basket; and Miss Macvitie for string-bags made by invalid soldiers, and a supply of fresh eggs—which were soon disposed of.

When the Sale is closed we hope to have quite a worthy cheque to forward for the good cause.

We are glad to note words of wisdom recently spoken by Miss Lena Ashwell (Mrs. Simson) at a public meeting held at Kensington Town Hall in support of Kensington District Nursing Association.

Miss Lena Ashwell moved "That this meeting considers that the Kensington District Nursing Association is deserving of continued and more widely extended support of the residents in the Royal Borough." No one, she said, could possibly be really civilised or alive if they only interested themselves in their own homes and their own selfish affairs. Unless they were willing to give service they stuck in the rut and became partially paralysed. Half the misery of modern life was due to the selfish efforts of people to have a good time themselves, whilst ignoring the claims of other people on their sympathy and help.

The Bishop of Kensington seconded the resolution. This Association, he noticed, he said, provided trained nurses for the sick in their own homes, but unfortunately home to many in the northern part of Kensington was only a shelter. It was very much on his conscience that this condition of things should be allowed to prevail. When he thought of the many families living in one-room tenements in the borough, and that often that particular event which was the joy of home life had to take place in the presence of the whole family, he thanked God there were nurses who were prepared to go into such places.

These "shelters" are nests of Communism, and those who visit them realise their national danger.

## A SERIOUS BREACH OF CONTRACT.

### NURSES A SUBMERGED CLASS.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain, the Minister of Health, has signed the new Rule 9 (1) (g), approved by the new General Nursing Council for England and Wales, which in our opinion constitutes a cruel breach of contract with the 20,000 nurses who have paid for Registration on the General Part of the Register under the existing Statutory Rules, and who have thus successfully formed the Nurses' Registers of 1922 and 1923, for the protection of the public and of their profession.

Having secured their 20,000 guineas, the new Council, with the support of the Minister of Health, now repudiates the contract made by Parliament with trained nurses, and tramples their rights in the gutter—a callous and very autocratic proceeding which reflects great discredit on the new Government.

The question is—What are the Registered

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