

NURSING ECHOES.

In what high esteem the rank and file of the Services hold the nurses' uniform was demonstrated when those who met their tragic death in the crash of R101 lay in State in Westminster Hall. To honour the dead hours of waiting in the slowly moving queue was necessary, but when Miss Macdonald and Miss B. Treasure arrived in State uniform at the entrance to the House of Commons, carrying a lovely wreath of flowers, they were passed in at once, and a very prominent place found close to the Royal wreaths for the "Nurses' expression of sorrow."

To hear this pleased us greatly, and we feel sure our readers will feel the happier for such evidence of comradeship.

Arrangements for the celebration of Armistice Day (Tuesday, November 11th) have been completed, and thousands of nurses will add to the crowd passing the Cenotaph and thence to Westminster Abbey.

At all ceremonies arranged to mark the anniversary of Armistice Day, War medals and decorations may appropriately be worn with civilian dress by all ex-officers and ex-Service men, members of the Nursing Services and other women to whom they have been awarded, while the holders of War medals and decorations awarded to deceased relatives have full permission to wear such medals and decorations on the right breast.

Let us all offer a silver coin for our "Poppy" so that we may help the living as well as honour the dead.

The Nurses of St. Leonard's Hospital, Shoreditch, had a delightful day on October 8th, when their Medals and Prizes were presented to them by Mrs. Emmet.

The Gold Medallist Nurse Paterson.

The Silver Medallist, Nurse Anderson.

Prize Winners: Nurses Birse, Owens, Haigh, Barrett and Fitzjohn.

Mrs. Furse, Chairman of the Hospital Committee, spoke very highly of the work of the late Guardians, and of the work of the past and present Matrons and Medical Superintendents, also of the Steward, and gave the nurses some encouraging news *re* better accommodation.

Bouquets were presented by the Nurses to the Chairman Mrs. Furse, Mrs. Emmet, Miss Pilkington, Matron, and Miss Ballard, Sister Tutor, and buttonholes for the Doctors, after which all partook of a delightful tea and tours of inspection began.

A Dance finished the Nurses' eventful day, and all thoroughly enjoyed themselves through the kind and generous work of the Organisers.

A concert took place in the Albert Hall on Wednesday, October 29th, at 8 p.m., in aid of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association, of which the Queen is patron. This association provides trained nurses for Europeans in India—an object which should appeal to all those who have relatives and friends in that country.

The Imperial Nurses' Club, 137, Ebury Street, London, S.W.1, is holding a Bazaar on Thursday,

Friday and Saturday, November 27th, 28th and 29th, to help to raise £250 for the alteration of the Club's premises and the addition of five new rooms (Thistle, Shamrock, Daffodil, Russell and Wayside) which were opened in May last, and the management now wonder how they were ever done without. Since that time their seven beds have been occupied 845 times, and the Hon. Secretary, Miss C. H. Mayers, is extremely anxious that the debt may be wiped out. Let us hope that this may be done by the forthcoming bazaar, and that there may be a balance on the right side to provide the small etc. which are still wanted.

The Club always keeps a Birthday Week, and Miss Mayers in her Annual Letter tells us that Birthday Week will by no means be confined to the Bazaar days.

The Club's special Sunday will be kept on November 30th, when an old friend, Mrs. Joseph Arkwright, will speak at 3.30 p.m. on "Impressions." Musical friends will play and sing during the afternoon, and the Birthday Cake, commemorating the Club's fourteen years of existence and progress, will be enjoyed.

On Monday, December 1st, at 3.30 p.m. there will be a Musical "At Home," to which all friends and members of the Club are invited.

On Tuesday, December 2nd, the Annual Meeting of Members will be held at 2.30 p.m., followed by an Auction Sale of some of the remaining Bazaar goods at 3.30 p.m.

So it is hoped that members and friends will rally round the Club in force and make "Birthday Week" the most successful which has yet been held.

A Sale of Work in aid of the Nurses' Missionary League will be held at 135, Ebury Street, London, S.W.1 (near Victoria Station) on Friday and Saturday, November 21st and 22nd, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Those who are buying Calendars and Christmas cards (and who is not?) should make a point of inspecting those on view at this Sale as well as the useful stationery. There will also be attractive foreign work on view, plain and fancy needlework, household goods, cakes, sweets, jam and bargains, which every daughter of Eve loves.

Gifts for the stalls will be gratefully received by Miss H. Y. Richardson, Secretary of the N.M.L., at the above address.

Cold classrooms make dull children, according to the report of the Industrial Health Research Board. An education officer, discussing the report, said:—

"The temperature we try to maintain is about 60 degrees. A fall below that tends to reduce the efficiency of the children, and if the temperature rises too far above 60 the rooms get stuffy and the pupils drowsy."

An official of the Education Department of the London County Council said:—

"The best temperature—about 60 degrees—has been worked out in consultation with the school medical officers. If the temperature charts, which are kept in all schools, show a serious fall the matter is at once taken up officially.

"Emergency heating apparatus is always available in case of a breakdown in cold weather, and if necessary

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