

## NURSING ECHOES.

*England was Merry England, when  
Old Christmas brought his sports again;  
'Twas Christmas broached the mightiest ale,  
'Twas Christmas told the merriest tale;  
A Christmas gambol oft could cheer  
The poor man's heart through half the year.*

Scott.

In a few days the Christmas festival will be with us. Heine wrote, "Christianity is an idea, and as such is immortal, like every idea." So may we once again enjoy its spiritual uplift. Let us be cheerful so that those around us may flout dull care.

Nurses are favoured people because, full of health and grace, they may illuminate the surroundings of sick and poor people and bring solace to sad spirits.

As the recipient of so much good will we are as workers specially blessed. "What is the worth of anything but for the happiness 'twill bring," R. L. Stevenson wrote. "There is no duty we so much under-rate as the duty of being happy."

The B.J.N. wishes "A Happy Christmas" to all and sundry, at home and abroad.

Queen Mary recently paid a private visit to the new nurses' home at the Middlesex Hospital to inspect the building on completion. She was welcomed by the authorities and Miss D. M. Smith, the Matron, who conducted her on a tour of the building.

Queen Mary laid the foundation-stone of the new nurses' home on July 24th, 1929, and since then has shown a close interest in its completion section by section. Now that the final section of the building, the gift of an anonymous donor, is finished, she expressed a desire to see it.

The completion has provided a margin of bedrooms for sisters and nurses, and this should meet any further expansion due to opening more accommodation or to shortening the hours worked by nurses. A large games room has also been provided, which has a stage and wings and curtains for theatricals as well as space for table tennis and other indoor games. Tennis and badminton courts were already in use.

With such amenities there should be no cause for shortage of student nurses at Middlesex Hospital.

Westminster nurses are often to be seen fitting between their beautiful new Home facing St. John's Gardens, S.W., and the old hospital opposite the Abbey. In this picture a group of the nurses are seen planting crosses and poppies in the Field of Remembrance, reserved annually for this purpose in the Abbey grounds, on Armistice Day and the following days, when a tribute is paid by many persons to the revered dead they loved and lost in the Great War.

Members of the Nursing Staff at the London Hospital have been compiling a Bi-Centenary Calendar in support of the hospitals' appeal. The Calendar is now ready, and full details in connection with it can be obtained from the compilers, the Nurses' Home, London Hospital, Whitechapel, E.1. Many old London Hospital Nurses will, we feel sure, wish to secure a copy. Price 2s.

The result of this year's Gardens Scheme in England and Wales is truly amazing. People have given £15,245 17s. 10d. to visit and enjoy the many lovely gardens opened to them, and this handsome sum is offered in support of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, which makes a greater appeal every year.

The King allowed the gardens at Sandringham to be opened, a privilege which was greatly appreciated and which resulted in a sum of £850 being contributed towards the generous total. There were 1,224 gardens and

many houses of historical interest on view. The number of openings was 2,087, not including those which were open daily.

Her colleagues will learn with regret that Mrs. Cecil Carter, A.R.R.C., Chief of the Nursing Division of the League of Red Cross Societies, which has Headquarters in Paris, has resigned this influential position, owing to a breakdown in health. Mrs. Carter is resting at her charming cottage in Buckinghamshire, so it is to be hoped she will regain health and strength in its beautiful surroundings.

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain, the organization which has the honour to have been the pioneer of so many others—notably the I.C.N. and National Council



THE FIELD OF REMEMBRANCE.  
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