

## NURSING ECHOES.

The King and Queen have visited St. Thomas's Hospital and the London Hospital and expressed the utmost sympathy with the patients, and nursing and medical staffs, who have suffered injury from German *murder* bombs.

*The New York Herald Tribune* contrasts the movements of the Dictators "in their two monstrously armoured trains trundling to the Brenner" and those of our King "riding through the streets of his bomb-ridden capital escorted by two motor-cycle policemen."

"The royal couple are doing as much by the example they set of unwavering courage and smiling self-discipline, and by their genuine heartfelt interest in the plight of their people, as are any servants or rulers in the Government," the newspaper says. "They are, as it were, Ministers of Moral . . ."

The toppling of European thrones and the supposed impotency of others, it adds, makes the world look with wonder "at the great Empire which provides the paradox of strong democracy and strong monarchy skilfully, naturally, and effectively complementing each other."

"Ministers of Moral," a truly appreciative title. American newspaper men are all there.

Our holy places—churches, convents, hospitals—have suffered damage from incendiary bombs.

Note how calmly this nun handles an instrument of death.

Resident in Westminster, we have often leaned over the Victoria Gardens wall to watch "Old Man River" pass to and fro in his sombre fashion, and realised that on the south bank our most beautiful hospital, St. Thomas's, was, indeed, a worthy national possession. To learn that it has suffered from two destructive enemy bombs has aroused a deep sense of indignation. "It will never be rebuilt," we heard a fatuous person remark recently. Of course it will be rebuilt, and right soon we hope. An appeal is to be made at an early date for the upkeep of our voluntary hospitals; and should an appeal for St. Thomas's Hospital be made direct to the 100,000 nurses on the State Register, in the name of Florence Nightingale whose pioneer School of Nursing is attached to it, they should be able to rouse a vast amount of interest in a rebuilding scheme which might spread far and near.

Again, the splendid London Hospital, which has been badly damaged—the hospital of the East End poor—also victimised by the barbarous Hun, should add the magnetic name of the "Prince of Beggars," the late

revered Lord Knutsford, to any special appeal in its support. There is little doubt that our people will make it a work of honour, when time permits, to restore and improve every atom of damage done by enemy bombs throughout the country.

The valuable lives lost cannot be restored—doctors, nurses, patients—but they can be held in honoured memory and be associated with the scenes of their martyrdom.

It is reported from the Ministry of Health that the rates of pay of trained and assistant nurses on the Civil Nursing Reserve will be raised by 3s. 6d. per week for all employed on whole-time duty. The former salary was £90 and £55 respectively, plus board, lodging and laundry.



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A NUN WITH A PIECE OF INCENDIARY BOMB WHICH FELL ON THE CONVENT.

*Nurses Near and Far*, the organ of the Nurses' Missionary League, is now issued as a four-page leaflet, to save expense, and maintains its special character.

November 30th (St. Andrew's Day) is to be a "Day of Prayer and Gifts," as under present conditions it is not possible to plan the usual Sale of Work.

The Editor writes: "We are looking to all our members and friends to help us in other ways. Our finances have been seriously affected by the loss or reduction of subscriptions; but in spite of all possible economies, much of our expenditure must go on and is, indeed, increased by rising costs. We therefore hope that all will make a special effort. Some may be able to make things and sell them to friends; some branches can hold small 'shops'; we have sometimes heard of money being raised by carrying cups of tea, cleaning shoes, and so forth. We know of friends willing to knit if any can send orders. Miss Richardson will take orders for

shawls; Miss Macfee for baby-jackets. 'Where there's a will there's a way,' and we are certain there is a will!

"We suggest that the money raised and any free-will gifts should be sent to Miss Topping at the end of November; and that November 30th should be used as a Day of Prayer and Gifts.

"Many Christian people keep St. Andrew's Day as a day of prayer for missionary work. Shall we pray for the needs of our League, and for its members, especially those overseas, that all may be used, like St. Andrew, to bring others to the knowledge of Jesus Christ? We shall, of course, remember too the needs of our nation, our rulers, all who serve in any of the Forces, the doctors and nurses who tend the wounded, and all sufferers from the war. We hope that many of our branches may be

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