

NURSING ECHOES.

"Bart's." nurses love *League News*, and no wonder; it is a mine of information and keeps the *esprit de corps* of the Nursing School very much alive. The latest issue just received is No. 51, which reminds us that the League—the first in this country, was founded by Isla Stewart in 1899, now gone from us for upwards of 30 years—but let us hope her valiant spirit still animates its policy.

To Miss G. Le Geyt the Editor, *League News*, the members owe a very sincere vote of thanks, as each issue attains a higher standard of excellence. It is good to know that in every department of the great Royal Hospital—work for the care of the sick and for the country continues at top speed. Naturally her colleagues rejoice that the service of Dame Katharine Jones, R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., has received due recognition from His Majesty the King, having bestowed upon her the highly-prized title of Dame of the British Empire. "How purposeful her life has been devoted to many centres of the Empire to maintaining the highest standards of professional efficiency, and her work for the sick in the Services, coupled with an indomitable admiration for those who serve in all ranks of the fighting forces."

To serve the sick and wounded is verily a solace in war.

All the activities of the League appear to be flourishing—money for scholarships and benevolence, and one item reported interested us vastly—the Student Nurses' Section does not only provide most of the recreational facilities, but have decided to concentrate chiefly on the educational side, and many interesting lectures have been arranged after duty and have been extremely well attended in addition to outside lectures on such subjects as Public Health Nursing, Industrial Nursing, to say nothing of a series of lectures by the medical staff on the work of the four special centres at Hill End, viz., chest, neuro-surgical, orthopædic and plastic.

On two occasions the surgeon's lecture was followed by one given by the ward sister on the special nursing points involved in the treatment of these patients. This thirst for knowledge has no association with a demand of professional de-grading of nursing efficiency. Thanks be!

Births to married members bring joy to 30 happy mothers. Marriage bells have rung tunefully for 24 brides, and alas! 16 of our colleagues have passed on.

Sister E. M. Turner, Q.A.I.M.N.S., is reported missing, and any news of her would be gratefully received by her mother, Mrs. R. Saw, 9, Willoughby Road, Hampstead.

The Isla Stewart Memorial Library is, we are glad to know, in a very flourishing condition. It is built on the site of the matron's old house, in which we spent many happy years. Nurses, past and present, collected £2,200 towards this beautifully fitted building, which was opened in 1929, and is, no doubt, a boon and a blessing to succeeding generations of nurses. "I love to lose myself in other men's thoughts."—*Lamb*.

"Books and friends should be few and good."

The Editor writes: "Our thoughts turn with much concern to members who were last known to be in enemy-occupied countries. It would be deeply gratifying to have news of them from any of their friends, in particular: Miss D. G. Strange, Sisters' Quarters, The General Hospital, Johore Bahru, Malaya.

Miss B. Wells and Miss Margot Turner, who were both on Active Nursing Service. Mrs. Carlé, Shanghai; Mrs. Divine, Malaya; Mrs. Fairhall, Q.M.S., Port Moresby, Papua; Mrs. Hudson, Ipoh, Perak; Mrs. Somerville and Miss F. N. Mitchell, both in Singapore; and Miss Mary Wilson, Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong."

The danger of tuberculosis from the consumption of raw milk is being emphasised by medical officers of health, and Manchester City Council have called for compulsory pasteurisation. Of 100 samples of milk delivered in the City which had been examined 7 per cent. were unsatisfactory.

The Minister of Health has informed all whom it may concern that arrangements for the admission of nurses (whether trained nurses, assistant nurses or student nurses), and of midwives and pupil midwives from Eire to take up posts in this country have been under consideration by the Departments concerned, and that all these classes of workers are to be admitted to take up work in this country under certain conditions.

The nurse or midwife must enter the employment specified on her travel permit card, and will not be permitted to change her employment except with the permission of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, also she must register her place of employment and her address with the police of the district in which the place of employment is situated.

If required by Mr. H. Morrison, the Home Secretary, she will be obliged to leave the country.

How far these arrangements are permissible under present relations with Eire is debatable, which still maintains a German Embassy in Dublin; but one regulation is inexcusable, and that is that the Home Secretary is given power to turn these women out of the country at will. We strongly deprecate that absolute power, where women are concerned, can be exercised by any one Minister. Autocracy in government needs closely watching and nipping in the bud.

As we grow older we all love our "hotties" and rejoice to find them in our beds. Now, having regard to the production of aluminium and indiarubber hot-water bottles, we are advised that these necessities be secured to the hospitals, and that we fortunate outsiders must be content with those made of stone and earthenware. The suggestion that ordinary screw-top glass bottles be used, may serve, with careful people, otherwise they may prove dangerous when carelessly handled.

Roomy bedsocks are a comfort to invalids and the old.

The standard of Red Cross Nursing is based on thorough training both in Scandinavia and in U.S.A., and nursing aids are not included on their permanent staffs.

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