

show to their Chaplain, the Rev. J. B. MYLINS, M.A., their deep appreciation of his kind and faithful services, decided to present him with a carved oak chair and reading desk, which were placed for his use, on the afternoon of Christmas-day, at his service for the Nursing Staff.

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It is also pleasant to record the kind feeling expressed to the Matron, Miss AMBLER-JONES, by the presentations to her by the Nurses, Assistant Nurses, Housekeeper and Laundry Superintendent, of a very handsome travelling dressing-bag; and from the Ward, Kitchen, Laundry, and Housemaids, of a very chaste and beautiful Queen Anne's afternoon tea service, in morocco case; also from the Needle-women employed, a very pretty bamboo table. The intrinsic value of the articles given (which was considerable) was greatly enhanced by the very kind expressions conveyed with them, and it must be gratifying to all interested in the well-being of the Hospital to know of the unanimity and kind feeling existing among the different workers.

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I AM glad to hear that a movement is on foot in Pimlico to commemorate by some permanent memorial the devotion of the late Hon. W. H. CROSS, M.P., to the interests of the parish of St. Gabriel, of which he was churchwarden. With this object a Committee has been formed, including Major-General O. Wilkinson (treasurer), the Rev. J. H. Ellison, vicar; Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Wright, churchwarden; General Sir D. Lysons, Constable of the Tower; Admiral Colomb, Colonel R. Bruce, Colonel C. Gascoigne, and Mr. Nepean. Mr. CROSS's interest in, and invaluable assistance to, the R.B.N.A. have been already commented upon in these columns, and many would be glad if some scheme to perpetuate his memory in connection with the Association could have been suggested, and I am sure many Nurses would be glad to subscribe to it. I venture to commend the idea—if, indeed, it has not already received consideration—to the Committee of the Association.

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I AM requested to make two announcements in this column to-day. The first is that, with this Special Number, we are issuing, to *regular subscribers only*, a beautiful engraving of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the value of which will be understood when I state the fact that, on a mount, these are being sold by the Proprietors of this Journal at five shillings each, and can be obtained by sending a postal order for that amount and threepence in

stamps to our Offices, 376, Strand, W.C. Copies on vellum, signed by the artist, are obtainable at two guineas each, or unsigned on special paper at one guinea each, but only a very limited number of these have been produced. But a copy, similar to those now issued with this number, will be sent to any one who, before January 31st, becomes an annual subscriber to THE NURSING RECORD. It is proposed in future to have a Special Number each Quarter, and any engraving which may be issued with these—being of the same excellent quality, and probably comprising engravings of the leading London and Provincial Hospitals—will be distributed gratis only to our regular subscribers.

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THE next matter which I am desired to announce is that an Index to each Volume will be issued to all our regular subscribers, and can be obtained post free for 2d. by any other of our readers who desire to bind their copies.

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How the public is beginning to grasp some of the many Nursing problems which are abundantly ready for solution is well illustrated in the following cutting sent to me this week by a kind correspondent, but unfortunately without mentioning the name of the periodical from which it was taken.

Few, except those who have themselves experienced it, can form any idea of the benefit an invalid derives from the attendance of a thoroughly trained Nurse. Calm, watchful, cool, skilful, and gently and beneficially authoritative in all matters appertaining to the sick-room and the management of her patient, the value of her presence cannot be too highly estimated, and small wonder indeed that these "ministering angels" are in such request that, in spite of the large yearly influx of recruits, many of the leading institutions cannot keep anything like pace with the demand, and as a consequence are raising their terms higher than ever—a fact which cannot be too deeply deplored as being calculated to place the luxury of a Nurse out of the reach of all but the very wealthy. There is, however, one aspect of the Nursing question which cannot be too quickly altered, for it is assuredly little less than a scandal that any Hospital or Institution should consider £25 or £28 a-year sufficient remuneration for those who by their individual efforts bring in from two to three guineas weekly. Surely some more equitable arrangement should be come to, and we sincerely hope that the bringing about of a better state of things is to form a leading item in the programme of the British Nurses' Association.

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I HAVE much pleasure in acceding to the request that I should announce that the Mary Eleanor Benson Memorial Fund has amounted to £1,000, the sum originally aimed at. This total could hardly have been reached, but for the unexpected and generous gift of £500, from someone who, though not personally acquainted with Miss BENSON, was greatly struck with what he had heard of

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