

I HEAR that Miss Rose Staddon has again been delivering a course of most interesting lectures upon Ambulance Work and General Nursing, the syllabus of which is very comprehensive. They should be most useful in diffusing a more exact knowledge of the elementary anatomy and physiology of the human frame, the proper treatment to be adopted in slight accidents, and even in more severe cases till the doctor can arrive, and the nursing of fever cases with their essential disinfecting precautions. One lecture, I observe, is very wisely devoted entirely to sick cookery and the preparation of food for invalids; while another is equally usefully allotted to describing the management of sick children and convalescents. It is wonderful, considering their great importance, how little the public, and even many Nurses, know upon the subject of invalid dietary. I am told that Miss Rose Staddon has for some time past been largely occupied in lecturing to associates and members of the Girls' Friendly Society, the managers of which award a prize and certificates of honour to all those who show proficiency in the examination, which is held at the end of each course.

THERE are to be grand doings, it appears, in aid of Hospitals this season again. An *al fresco* fair and floral fête on a grand scale, and of an original and picturesque description, will be held at the Royal Albert Hall, on May 29 next and two following days, in aid of the funds of the Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children, Vincent Square, S.W., for the rebuilding of which a sum of £15,000 is required. This "society show" will be under the direct patronage of the Princess of Wales, the Princess Christian, the Princess Beatrice, and the Princess Mary Adelaide. Paint and stage canvas will be discarded, and instead natural materials will be used for the construction of a charming country scene, embodying all that is pretty in rustic Nature.

"REAL" corn-ricks, "real" moss-covered cottages, and a "real" windmill will be among the effects, and for the special behoof of children there will be an old caravan filled with toys. Tableaux of the famous Watteau pictures will be represented on the garden terrace, and in addition there will be displays of fruit and flowers, to the successful competitors in which prizes will be awarded. To make the show complete, many distinguished ladies have promised to appear in simple rustic costumes.

PLEASANT entertainments are reported to have been given to the patients by the Matrons at the Louth Hospital and at the Carmarthen Infirmary.

At the latter the operetta, "Children's Queen," by Stratton, was performed. Then came a great Christmas tree, with the distribution of gifts; followed by a substantial meal; while the evening was whiled away by the performance of a capital concert. The greatest credit is due to Miss MacIntyre for the arrangements and the great success of the entertainment.

THE report of the Louth meeting is as follows:—  
"There was a very agreeable departure from the usual monotony at the Louth Hospital last week, in the shape of a 'musical evening,' arranged by Miss Bradwell, the Matron, who evidently believes in the maxim that a patient amused is half cured. A number of ladies and gentlemen kindly gave their services, with the most pleasing result. The concert had originally been intended to take place about Christmas time, but the very serious illness of a patient prevented the idea being carried out. The entertainment had the warm support of the medical staff, and those who were able to be present were delighted with the Matron's treat."

I HEAR that Mrs. Coles has been appointed Sister-in-Charge of the Home for Special Probationers in connection with St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and that her election to the post has caused the greatest pleasure and satisfaction. I am told that Mrs. Coles was one of the first Special Probationers admitted into the Home, over which she will now preside, and that she was for some time the Sister-in-Charge of the similar department at King's College Hospital, so that she brings to her new post not only personal knowledge of Probationers' wants and wishes, but also considerable experience in superintending their home life.

SUSPICIONS.—There are many suspicions that need crushing in the bud. We fancy our friend is cool to us; we imagine someone has slighted us; we suspect our neighbour of having spoken ill of us. Most likely we are mistaken, and, in any case, we could never profitably search into the matter. Our trust in our friend or our own self-respect should lead us to put away such thoughts, to abandon such suspicions. Someone has perhaps dropped a poisonous word of scandal into our ears—let us banish it from our thoughts with scorn. Circumstances may tend to cast suspicion on one whom we honour—let us continue to trust him in our heart of hearts. We may fear that someone has committed a fault, which, however, does not concern us in the least, and in which we are not called upon to interfere—let us expel the idea as an unwelcome intruder.

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