

Her Royal Highness the President has graciously presented four prettily framed photographs to the Nurses' Club Room—a further mark of the kindly interest taken by Princess CHRISTIAN in the smallest detail connected with the comfort equally with the welfare of all Members of the R.B.N.A.

A pretty, most useful, bamboo newspaper rack has been contributed to the furniture of the Nurses' Club Room by the Nurses of the Stoke-upon-Trent Institution. They entrusted the selection of their gift to Miss SHIRLEY, Lady Superintendent, who thoughtfully supplied a most acceptable addition to the conveniences of this charming room.

The attention of all Members is called to the following arrangements for the Annual Meeting to be held this year at Windsor, by the gracious suggestion of Her Royal Highness the President, on July 25th. The Great Western Railway Company have most kindly consented to issue third class return tickets from Paddington to Windsor at the much reduced fare of 2s. to all nurses and doctors attending the meeting who travel by the 10.50 a.m. train from Paddington, such tickets being available for return by any train from Windsor on the same day.

The Annual Meeting will take place in the Town Hall and commence at noon. The Luncheon will follow at 1.30 at the Albert Institute, a building well adapted for the purpose and also well supplied with cloak rooms. The number of Luncheon Tickets issued must of necessity be limited; early application is therefore desirable to avoid disappointment, as they will be assigned in the order in which they are applied for.

Should any Members in addition to, or instead of, visiting the Castle and other attractions at Windsor be desirous of organising carriage drives in the Great Park, or parties on the river, they are requested to forward their names to the offices of the Corporation in order that suitable vehicles or boats may be in readiness, the terms of which can be arranged at very reasonable rates if due notice be given at Windsor.

Further details, concerning the issuing of railway tickets, will appear in this column next week; by which time it is hoped that arrangements to save all necessary trouble to members and guests will have been organized.

Alice RAVENHILL,
Secretary to the Corporation.

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It is seldom that we hear of inhumanity on the part of a trained Nurse, and we must commend the action of the Committee of the Southampton Smallpox Hospital in promptly discharging the Matron of that Institution. The report of the Sub-Committee on the death of a patient was as follows:—

“The Medical Officer of Health reported that there were two smallpox patients in the Hospital, one of whom had died at an early hour this morning, and that the Matron had (contrary to his express instructions) ordered the Night Nurse, who should have been on night duty, to go to bed, and that in consequence there was no one in attendance on the patient at the time of his death. The Matron attended the meeting, and admitted that she had instructed the Night Nurse to go to bed. The Nurse on night duty (Nurse Newberry) also attended before the Sub-Committee, and stated that not having been ordered by the Matron to remain on duty, she went to bed, and consequently was not on duty or present when the patient died. Nurse Tomlinson also attended before the committee, and stated that she was in bed, not being on duty through indisposition. The Sub-Committee fully investigated the whole circumstances. Resolved—To recommend to the General Committee that the Matron be requested to resign her position forthwith, and that the Medical Officer be totally exonerated from any blame in the matter.”

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OUR American contemporary, *The Trained Nurse*, is full of suggestion this month. A very interesting discussion is taking place concerning the relative advantages of training in large and small Hospitals, much of which is well worth quotation. A Superintendent of a small Hospital writes:—

“There has been considerable discussion in regard to the training of Nurses in small Hospitals. Though a graduate of a large Hospital, I have had several years' experience in a small one, and know that in many respects the training is superior in the smaller Hospital. I grant there is not the number of cases, but on the whole there is the variety. How many of the large Hospitals take measles, scarlet fever, diphtheria? In the small Hospital, the Nurse does a great deal of the work done by the house physician and surgeon in the larger Hospital; she is with them in all branches of the work, she receives the orders directly from them, and after her first year is responsible for the carrying out of the same.

The Physicians take a greater individual interest in the progress of each pupil than could be taken where there are so many.

If there is a case of unusual interest, each Nurse knows about it and the treatment given. In the larger Institution this is impossible. In the surgical wards the advantages of the Nurse in the small Hospital is very marked. She practically does all the dressing under the supervision of the attending surgeon or the superintendent.

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