

The Rabbi, Rev. G. Emanuel, in an interesting speech, referred to the remarkably small number of crippled children among his community, which he attributed to the domestic virtues of Jewish women, to their habit of nursing their children, and to the loving care they bestowed upon them; and the Rev. J. Austin insisted that while retaining their interest in curative work, it was most important also to remember the importance of preventive work, and to get to the back of the problems underlying the wrecking and lasting of human life going on in our midst.

We are glad to announce that the Board of the General Hospital, Swansea, has, on the recommendation of the Matron, sanctioned the engagement of four much-needed additional nurses. The recommendation was strongly supported by Colonel Morgan, who said that the work of the Hospital had increased greatly, and additional help was greatly needed in the Penllergaer, Llewellyn, and Talbot Wards, and the casualty departments.

The Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association has an Amusements Committee, and on Thursday in last week thirty of the members drove out of Belfast to the hills above Colin Glen, where they enjoyed a delightful picnic tea. The social side of the nurses' associations answer a very good purpose in inculcating good fellowship between nurses trained in different hospitals, and thus strengthening professional *esprit de corps*.

No work is more deserving of admiration than that of the care of lepers, for not only is the disease most terrible and revolting, but there is ever present the possibility of contracting it, and, with our present limited knowledge, to contract it means to die a lingering death after much suffering, isolated from one's kind, and possibly with no skilled assistance.

Amongst those who have been foremost in their care of these outcasts are the Moravian missionaries, and, in the last issue of the *American Journal of Nursing* an interesting account is given of some of their leper institutions by a Moravian nurse.

In Jerusalem, until 1865, the condition of the lepers had changed but little from that of New Testament times. Then an asylum was built near the Jaffa Gate by a philanthropic German baroness and her husband, and opened in 1867. But the provision of the institution was at first easier than filling it with inmates, for the lepers could not believe that such work

would be begun simply from charitable motives, and were suspicious of a scheme to make them change their religion. Eventually, however, prejudice was conquered. The old hospital has now been replaced by a new and commodious stone building, called the "Jesus-Help," surrounded by a large garden, and the staff consists of the missionary and four deaconesses who are trained nurses, and two untrained sisters who do most of the general housework.

Last year the death occurred of the faithful Superintendent, who laboured there for 17 years, and it was then decided to leave the management of the hospital entirely in the hands of the Sisters, with Sister Elizabeth Mueller, who has been there for 18 years, as Superior. When the Emperor William of Germany travelled through Palestine several years ago he paid a visit to the Leper Home, and later sent as a gift a much needed disinfecting machine. Until its advent the nurses had washed all the bandages. A traveller visiting the Home in recent years remarked that the nurses were the most cheerful people he had ever seen. A new cure for leprosy—a serum discovered in Constantinople—is being tried in "Jesus-Help," but no results are as yet apparent.

### The Territorial Force Nursing Service.

The Duchess of Beaufort presided at the first meeting of the Nursing Committee of the Gloucester Territorial Force Nursing Association, held at the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, last week. Those present included Countess Bathurst, Vice-President, the Lady Mayoress of Bristol, Col. Paul Bush, C.M.G., Administrator of the 2nd Southern General Hospital, and Capt. F. Colchester Wemyss, Secretary of the Gloucester County Territorial Force Association, Miss Baillie, Matron of the Bristol Royal Infirmary, Organising Matron; Miss Oyley, Matron Gloucester Infirmary; Miss Friday, Matron Cossham Memorial Hospital; Miss Milner, Matron of Tewkesbury Hospital. The Duchess of Beaufort explained the scheme for the nursing of the Territorial hospitals, and Miss F. Smith and Miss M. Harvey having been recommended by Miss Baillie as Matrons, they were unanimously elected on the proposition of Colonel Paul Bush, seconded by the Lady Mayoress. Miss Baillie also stated that she had provisionally accepted the applications of twenty Sisters and a good proportion of nurses, whom she could recommend, and these were enrolled.

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