

Ne'erday engagements by presiding at the annual New Year's Day meeting with the Nurses of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, held in the Dispensary Hall. On the invitation of the managers, a large company of friends attended the meeting.

The Lord Provost said his first duty was to wish the nurses a very happy New Year. The gathering, he noticed, was called a meeting of the managers with the nurses, and he supposed that that was meant to show how very much the managers felt that the success of that great institution depended upon the nurses. The doctors were well represented there, and he was sure that the managers would be the first to acknowledge their great indebtedness to the doctors; but the skill and the knowledge of the doctors would be in vain without the help of skilful nurses. He was sure that the doctors also would be the first to admit that. The nurses had many ways of healing, but, remarked the Lord Provost facetiously, "I am not sure that they do not, in healing, also occasionally convey wounds." He hoped that in the year which had begun, while they were healing many wounds, they would also heal the wounds which they themselves might happen to give. In conclusion, the Lord Provost spoke of the tremendous amount of suffering which had been alleviated in the Infirmary, and expressed the view that there was no finer mission than that of the nurse.

Such kind words of appreciation will no doubt inspire Scottish nurses to continue to perform their duties to the very best of their ability.

Nurses in New Zealand who are nursing the natives, the Maoris, are doing work which is greatly valued. *Kai-Tiaki* prints an extract from a recent report of Judge Jones, of the Native Land Court, which expresses his appreciation:—"Many natives have died, mostly, I think, from the neglect of proper treatment in the outset, and here I would like, if I might be permitted, to say a word of commendation of those brave and noble women sent out by the Department to assist in nursing the natives. Apart from the ordinary risks of their profession, they take their lives in their hands, and put up with hardships and discomforts which only one who travels the same roads and crosses the same rivers can realize. And all this they do ungrudgingly, and with a good moral effect on the natives, whom they are continually schooling in the necessity and practice of sanitation. Were there more of these nurses available, I think the course of the fever epidemic among the natives would be checked,

if not stayed." The Native Health Nurses attend on the tuberculous, and also visit the paiks. There are now eight of these nurses stationed in various places, and all are doing good work and enjoying it.

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#### NURSES' SOCIAL UNION.

Mr. Stephen Paget will give the second lecture of the session to the members of the Nurses' Social Union (London Branch) on Wednesday, January 15th, in the Lecture Hall of the Institute of Hygiene, Devonshire Street, W., at 3.15. The subject of the lecture will be "The Germ Theory in Practice," and it will be illustrated by lantern slides.

Members of the Union, who are requested to wear their badges or bring their cards, will be admitted free. Nurses not members will be charged 6d., and others 1s.

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#### AN INTERESTING EXHIBIT.

One of the most interesting exhibits at the Children's Welfare Exhibition at Olympia, which closes on January 11th, is that of Messrs. Burroughs Wellcome & Co., where twice in the hour throughout the day a series of practical demonstrations on modern first aid methods is being given, and the subject is further illustrated by a set of five cartoons showing some of the everyday accidents by road, rail, or motor car, in the factory and at home, which demand first aid treatment. The firm are past-masters in supplying the manifold needs of the public in portable, compressed and attractive form. Examples of this are their "Tabloid" First Aid Cabinets, small enough to be slipped into the pocket yet containing "Vaporole" aromatic ammonia, boric gauze and swab, cotton wool and bandage in tabloid form, solified carron oil, perforated court plaster, boric acid ointment (borofax brand), a camel's hair brush, safety pins, and a card of directions, for the extremely moderate price of 2s. A larger size costs 5s. "Vaporole" aromatic ammonia may also be had in boxes of a dozen capsules, price 1s. 6d., which will surely supersede smelling bottles with salts of uncertain strength, and stoppers liable to refuse to be removed at a moment of emergency.

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