

Mrs. Murry, Vice-Chairman of the Hospital Committee, when seconding a vote of thanks to the Chairman, said that their nurses were appreciated all over the Union area. Although they might hear complaints about various departments, everyone always said how splendid the nurses were.

Before leaving, Princess Mary took tea on the verandah, and asked the Matron many questions about the work of the hospital, in which she appeared deeply interested.

Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, distributed long-service Badges to the Queen's Nurses at the meeting of the Council of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, which was held at 58, Victoria Street, on Wednesday afternoon.

The Mental Hospitals Committee of the London County Council have reported to the Council that they have authorised the printing of a booklet of instructions, prepared by the Medical Superintendents, as to the basic principles of mental nursing, for issue to all probationer nurses on joining the mental hospital service. Congratulations to the Mental Hospitals Committee and L.C.C. Mental Nurses.

Writing on "War Memorials in London," in the *Observer*, Mr. Paul Waterhouse says: "Sir George Frampton's great and conspicuous work which between the National Gallery and St. Martin's Church immortalises the memory of Nurse Cavell can perhaps hardly claim the name of war memorial though it is a memorial of the war. Whether the almost too direct portraiture of the heroine and her uniform, contrasting sharply with the conventionality of the symbolic mass against which she stands, will always satisfy I am not sure. When dirt has toned the allegoric background and left the white marble to its enduring whiteness the effect may be too startling. On the other hand, it may be that this after-effect is the very one at which Sir George has aimed. In any case, the whole work is work of the kind we need. It has courage and enthusiasm. Once in Ireland I asked the way of a policeman, and he answered, 'Turn to the left, your honour, after you have met a statue.' How few statues there are in London that one meets!

"One cannot fail to meet Nurse Cavell; you dare not meet her without a respectful homage. In fact, the sequence of emotions is notice, surprise, salute, and finally a curiosity of the very kind that all sculpture should evoke. This sculptor, one says, has been *thinking*;

let me draw nigh and think with him. It is then and thus that the message of the mystery in the crowning stonework breaks in and sinks in."

The lengthy and somewhat acrimonious correspondence being carried on in the *Palmers Green Gazette*, on the ethics of the Southgate Queen's Nurses' Association, gives cause for reflection. It seems well-to-do people pay 10s. 6d. a year and enjoy the services, when ill, of the Queen's Nurse. There would appear to be no reason against such an assurance against sickness, so long as the well-to-do pay the whole of the cost of the nurse. But do they? That is the principle under discussion. Otherwise these well-to-does are enjoying their nursing below cost price, and other subscribers to the Association make up the deficit. We have no doubt, in the future, our suggestion for a national insurance of all classes against sickness will come into practice, but it must be on a sound actuarial basis, and not bolstered up by any system of charity. "Pay as you go" is our policy.

The Royal Derby and Derbyshire Nursing Association combines district and private nursing, having a staff for work in each branch. The fifty-eighth annual report shows a surplus which will enable the Board of Management to add another £500 to the Nurses' Pension Fund, which now stands at £9,207. Additional land has been purchased in connection with the Queen Mary Nursing Home, providing a suitable site for a future Nurses' Home.

The staff now numbers sixty-eight. Last year there were 448 calls for private nurses, and they had been able to supply 372. At the Nightingale Nursing Home 314 patients were admitted to the private wards, and there had been 361 cases in the maternity wards, of which fifty-eight were private. In the Queen Mary Nursing Home there had been 122 cases.

With regard to district nursing, 61,498 visits had been paid in Derby, and 17,219 in the outlying districts. The Association had now 1,026 babies on the child-welfare books.

At the annual meeting presentations to nurses for long service were made, as follows: Purse of £20 for twenty years' service to Nurse Cooper, and Bibles for seven years' service to Nurses Kingston and Cody.

The Devon Education Committee, at its meeting on June 28th, had under consideration

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