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An event calculated to add to the health and happiness of the members of the Nursing Staff at Southgate Isolation Hospital took place recently, when the Mayor, Alderman John Joy, J.P., accompanied by the Mayoress, in the presence of the Chairman, Councillor George Peverett, the Medical Superintendent, Dr. William Clunie Harvey, the Matron, Miss B. West, M.B.C.N., and members of the Nursing Staff, and a large assembly of visitors, declared open their new Tennis Courts' and Putting Green.

The Mayor played the first ball to the Nurses who were standing in readiness on the far side of one of the new courts, and then followed an Exhibition match by four members of the All England Tennis Club, Wimbledon.

After tea, which was served indoors, a tour of the beautiful grounds followed.

one paragraph the desirability is indicated of adopting a system of hospital accountancy which will include nursing costs.

A second statement deals with a basic principle of such importance that we quote it in full: 'The small hospital seems to feel that it must maintain a school, but experiments are proving that it actually costs less to a small hospital to maintain a graduate staff than to maintain a student staff; that is if the hospital tries at all to give the necessary education to the student.'"

This expression of opinion is extremely interesting, touching as it does on the vital question of the cost of student nurses' education—which increases year by year.

We are of opinion that King Edward's Hospital Fund for London would do a very useful work in making an inquiry into the cost of nursing education to the hospitals



NEW TENNIS COURTS AND PUTTING GREEN, SOUTHGATE ISOLATION HOSPITAL. OPENED BY THE MAYOR AND MAYORESS.

Visitors viewed with much interest the site chosen in the grounds for a scheme (shortly to be carried out) to build additional wards to increase the patients' accommodation to 200 beds and to erect a new Nurses' Home.

In the evening there was dancing on a floodlit lawn adjoining the staff quarters. Hospitality was extended to the guests by the Matron (Miss West), who, supported by her staff, is to be congratulated on the excellent arrangements which were so successfully carried out for the enjoyment of everyone on this memorable event.

To quote the Canadian Nurse for July:

"A synopsis of the excellent report of the Committee on Nursing, prepared by the Rev. Mother Audet, R.N., Superintendent of the Hotel Dieu Hospital, Campbellton, N.B. Canada, appears in the May issue of the *Canadian Hospital*. Certain passages of the report are printed in heavy type thus lending additional emphasis. In maintaining training schools for nurses. Few parents appear to realise the financial value of this highly specialised education.

In September next one of the main features of the South Australian Centenary Celebrations will be the Pageant of Nursing depicting the advances made in the profession in South Australia during the past 100 years.

The Pageant will be staged at the New Centennial Hall which was specially built for the Empire Exhibition held earlier this year.

The professional nursing press is making amazing progress—and from every quarter of the globe we are receiving official organs, well edited and produced. A voice in the press free from economic pressure is the greatest asset in nursing evolution. We hope to have a brave show of the official organs of National Associations and their constituent societies on view at the Quadrennial Congress next year.



