

tracts. He hoped by the very generous grant that the Government had given to put the medical and nursing services on a satisfactory footing. The first general principle that the Board laid down was that every man and woman should have a chance of medical service, at a fee which they could be reasonably expected to pay. The next principle was that the scheme was not to relieve ratepayers of any charge at present upon them. The third principle was that the grants were intended to supplement local effort. The Board had been very busy preparing machinery to carry out the purposes set forth in the report. Any sum granted would have to be applied to some specific object approved by the Board. They believed a great deal could be done by providing fully qualified nurses, which, perhaps, was the most important matter they had to consider. There were many cases, especially in the islands, where a small hospital might be very useful. They would look with great favour on proposals of that kind for cases of emergency.

We are very sorry to learn that Miss Melita Jones, of Auckland, New Zealand, for many years a member of the Matrons' Council, recently sustained a very nasty accident, being knocked down by a motorist just as she stepped out of a tram. She was much bruised and shaken, and has had to give up work for a time.

Nurse Mee recently met with an exciting and unpleasant experience while riding back to Nairobi from a mission station in the neighbourhood of Donyo Sabuk. She was riding back on a strange mule, entirely alone, and when a few miles from the Athi River she almost ran into two lions. The mule bolted, and while the rider managed to retain her seat, she lost control of the animal, which ran for two or three miles. Almost fainting, Nurse Mee was at last able to get off, and waiting until she had recovered to some extent, she remounted, when the mule bucked her off and again bolted, this time getting away altogether. The unfortunate lady was severely injured by the fall, sustaining a broken shoulder-blade and being much shaken and bruised. She lay out on the veldt for an hour, unconscious, and finally crawling and stumbling through the pouring rain, she arrived at Mr. Tom Deacon's farm. Mr. Deacon at once motored her to the Grand Hotel, Nairobi, where she was attended by Dr. Burkett, and on the following day removed to the Scott Sanatorium.

THE INFANTS' HOSPITAL, VINCENT SQUARE, S.W.

A GALA DAY.

The opening of the new Nurses' Home, Out-Patients' Department, and Research Department of the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, took place on Friday, June 12th.

It was a brilliant scene which greeted Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, who had graciously consented to perform the opening ceremony.

Outside the Hospital, in the gay sunshine, fluttered innumerable flags, and bright awnings stretched from the main building to the new additions opposite.

A considerable crowd had collected to witness the arrival of Her Royal Highness, and a guard of honour of the Westminster Cadet Corps announced it with the strains of the National Anthem. A magnificent bouquet of mauve orchids was then presented to her by the Misses Frida and Irene Mond, and she was escorted to the platform by Lord Cheylesmore (Chairman) and the other members of the Reception Committee.

After the opening prayers, which were offered by the Right Rev. Bishop Ryle, Dean of Westminster, the opening address was read by the Rev. F. Harcourt Hillersdon (Councillor and ex-Mayor).

In it he referred to the general principle and object of the Hospital, which is the "scientific treatment of young babies suffering from malnutrition. Both the Hospital and new building owe their existence to the great generosity of Mr. Robert Mond, who has borne the whole expense of their erection and equipment."

The Architect, Mr. Herbert Read, presented the key of the new buildings to Her Royal Highness, who then said: "I declare this new building open. I hope it will prove a great blessing to all who seek aid here."

The presentation of purses by children was the next item. A tiny tot caused great amusement. She was lifted on the platform, and toddled up to Royalty without the slightest embarrassment to perform her part. This accomplished, she burst into peal upon peal of delighted laughter, and scampered off in the most uncourtly fashion.

The Mayor of the City of Westminster, Mr. Reginald Granville Smith, proposed the vote of thanks to Her Royal Highness. Referring to the new Nurses' Home, he said that it was but right that nurses, who did their best for the welfare of the children, should themselves be taken care of, and have quarters where they

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