

idea gracefully presented. The menus, designed by Miss Pine, were marvels of penmanship and were greatly admired.

Mme. Salvador was shown over the Hospital and the Great Hall, and was deeply interested in the work of the nurses.

We are glad to hear that at last the urgent necessity of building a new and suitable Nurses' Home at Bart.'s is being taken into serious consideration by friends of the Institution.

A meeting of lady Governors of the hospital, with Lady Ludlow in the chair, was held at 27, Portland Place, on Tuesday in last week, to consider the question of raising funds for the erection of a Home.

Lady Ludlow consented to act as President of a Ladies' Committee which it is proposed to form for the purpose of organising an appeal for funds, and a meeting will be held at the Hospital at 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday next to consider the matter.

The fact that the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses have already collected £2,000 for the purpose, should convince the Governors that those who have practical experience of the present arrangements, condemn them root and branch. The present housing of the nursing staff is dangerous to health, to say nothing of life if fire should ever catch hold of the rickety structures. It is high time a safe and healthy residence was provided.

At the opening of the Rainbow Bazaar in aid of the Lying-In Hospital in Endell Street, some miniature nurses were seen about, one the sweet wee daughter of Lady Beatrix Wilkinson presented a bouquet to the Duchess of Connaught, who performed the opening ceremony, and many of them presented purses to the Duchess, who appeared greatly amused with these little masqueraders. Their white satin bags contained £126.

From the annual report we learn that the nursing staff of Guy's Hospital numbers 261, in addition to ward maids laundry women, and dressmakers. Eighty pupils have been admitted after examination to the training-school for nurses. During the past year 46 nurses left the Institution on taking up other appointments.

The proceeds of the Ascot Ball this year are to be devoted to the Maternity and District Nurses' Home at Plaistow.

A sale of work is being organised by the Matron and nursing staff of the Gordon Hospital, Vauxhall Bridge Road, to raise funds for renovating the wards. The sale will be held at the Institution on June 11. Princess Victoria and Princess Louise Augusta of Schleswig-Holstein have promised to be present.

Dr. Helen MacMurchy, the editor of *The Canadian Nurse*, proposes to visit England in August next. It is a pity she could not have attended the Nursing Press Session at the Paris Conference, as it will be of special interest to those who hold the responsible position of editor of professional journals.

A nurse, writing in the *St. John's House League News* from the General Hospital, Penang, Straits Settlements, says: "Penang is a very pretty place, but the sea is my great delight, and I spend most of my off-duty time at a place called Tangong Bungha, which I either bicycle or drive to. All round this place the scenery is most lovely, quite as pretty as Japan; there are such rocks and trees, palms in particular; it is much cooler, too, by the sea, and I account for my good health and having had no fevers by having gone there so frequently. In fact, many people in Penang do not know what very beautiful spots they live quite close to, but I have always been fond of exploring.

"The natives are supposed to be rather treacherous the farther one gets from the town, but I have never had any bother, because I belong to the Hospital, which they have a great respect for. We have a large number of different nationalities here, but there are quite as many Chinese, who hold every sort of position; the best houses are owned by them, and they have all the money. A great many have been educated in England and are quite European in their tastes, but still very few have discarded the pigtail. It is quite funny to see the young men on their bicycles with the end of their pigtail in their pocket to prevent it flying about. The rickshaw coolies twist theirs up, as people were rather apt to pull them if they did not run fast enough."

We would draw the attention of our readers to the notice on page 438, of the generous reduction in fares granted to members of the Paris Conference by the South-Eastern and Chatham Railway (Dover to Calais, or Folkestone to Boulogne), and by the London, Brighton, and South Coast Railway (Newhaven to Dieppe).

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