

Hospital any members of such a patient's family who appeared to have been infected with consumption. In this way they felt sure that they would see many patients in an early and curable stage of consumption, who otherwise would come too late.

The problems which beset the Matron of a hospital are many, and extend not only to the supervision of the nursing and domestic staffs, but also often to the raising of funds. Last week a sale of work organised by the Matron and Nursing Staff of the Gordon Hospital, Vauxhall Bridge Road, S.W., the object of which was to raise funds for renovating the wards, was opened by the Ranees of Sarawak, who was received by the President of the Hospital (Lord Buchan) and the Matron. Mr. Arthur Hughes, Chairman of the Committee of Management, explained the financial position of the hospital, and showed also what an excellent work it is doing. Her Highness said she had much sympathy with hospital work, and regretted to hear that this institution was not more largely supported. She could only hope that money would be forthcoming when the statement made by Mr. Hughes became known.

A nurse, writing in the *Scotsman*, draws attention to the need for a club in Edinburgh where nurses could meet, and see their friends. She thinks that if lectures given by leading doctors and matrons could be organised in connection with such a club in the winter months they would be very popular. There are many nurses who would appreciate such lectures after leaving hospital, and the writer does not think Edinburgh should be behind other towns in which lectures are given to nurses. The value of such nurses' centres is undoubted, and we hope that Edinburgh may soon have its Nurses' Club.

Members of the Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association enjoyed a very pleasant picnic tea last week at Belvoir Park, Newtonbreda, by kind permission of Mrs. Wilson. The morning had been very wet, but the afternoon was happily fine, and the nurses much enjoyed wandering through the beautiful grounds, which were greatly admired.

Boston, U.S.A., which is always making interesting sociological experiments, believing the health of the pupils in public schools to be fully as important as their intellectual training, has appointed a corps of trained female nurses, whose duty will be to safeguard the health and moral welfare of the children.

Residents in tropical countries know the convenience and comfort of the jimricksha, which is something like a light bathchair drawn by a native instead of a pony or donkey. In England we are used to the latter method, but lately "ricksas" are being sold more in the last three months than in the past five years. It is said that in rugged country, such as the Lake District, it is being found that there is nothing to equal these convenient little man drawn carriages for utility.

At a recent meeting of the Portsmouth Board of Guardians it received a very good report from Dr. Fawcett, who has conducted the annual examination of the Probationer Nurses. Dr. Fawcett stated: "I was very satisfied with the result of the examination; the answers were, on the whole, expressed in better language, and the methods employed exhibited considerable improvement as compared with those of last year. I cannot but think that this result is largely due to the fact that the nurses have been given more opportunities of writing papers than formerly, and I should recommend that this system be continued, as it is of great educational value to the nurses in teaching them how to express themselves clearly. The nurses also showed a good practical knowledge of their work, and appeared to have been carefully trained in all ways, as far as I could determine." The report further stated that all the third and second year nurses had passed, while out of the fifteen first year nurses who had presented themselves, thirteen had passed, one nurse had only been in the school for a short time, and therefore did not obtain the number of marks necessary to pass the examination, and one failed.

Mr. Timpson (Chairman of the Infirmary Committee) referred with satisfaction to the result of the examination, which had proved the most successful in the history of the institution. Also he acknowledged the valuable work in preparing the examinees of Dr. Knott (Medical Superintendent), Dr. Morley (Resident Medical Officer), and Miss Foyster (the Matron), and congratulated the nurses on the able manner in which they had acquitted themselves.

On the recommendation of the Visiting Committee, it was agreed that a donation of £35 should be granted to the funds of the Borough of Portsmouth Victoria Association for Nursing the Sick Poor, the grant being subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

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