

The Chairman stated that the success of the Society is due to the loyal co-operation of its supporters, its Executive Committee, the medical profession, and the devoted labours of the nurses. These nurses are trained by the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, and this Society has been very fortunate in the nurses, who have been sent from time to time from that institution. Besides being skilled in their work, they have carried out their arduous and trying duties with most praiseworthy devotion, often working longer hours than the regulations prescribe, and frequently visiting cases on Sundays.

No report of this society would, he said, be complete without a reference to Miss Laphorn's splendid services as honorary secretary, a post she has filled since its foundation, with great credit to herself and immense benefit to the society.

Later in the day, the three nurses of the Society had the honour of being presented to the Princess by Inspector-General Woods, who also communicated the following message from her Royal Highness.

I am commanded by her Royal Highness to offer her warm thanks for the reception that has been given her, and for the illuminated address presented by the Chairman and members of your Urban District Council. She does not feel a stranger here, having so often passed through your town. It is with no little satisfaction that she has, as President, received such an excellent report from the Chairman of her Victoria Nursing Society, of the good that has been done among the necessitous sick, and the meritorious services of the nurses and the appreciation of the value of their services known to be constantly increasing.

Her Royal Highness fully approves of the step that has been taken to enable a third nurse to be maintained to meet the requirements of your district. She will watch the experiment with the greatest interest, as she fully believes there are many cases of sickness among those not necessitous, but with only small incomes, quite unable to meet the heavy cost of a resident nurse, whereas the district nurse will be of great use. The Princess desires me also to express her thanks to the chairman, Mr. Cooke, and the hon. sec., Miss Ida Laphorn, who have devoted so much time and attention to the work of the Society, and to the members of the council and committee.

The Princess was also present at the 25th Annual Meeting of the local branch of the St. John Ambulance Association, and distributed badges to the volunteers from the

Brigade of the Association for the new R.N. Sick Berth Service.

At the Annual Meeting of the Newport (Isle of Wight) District Nursing Society, at which the Deputy-Mayor, Alderman Francis Pittis, J.P., presided, the Annual Report presented by the Vicar of Newport stated that Nurse Robertson paid 5,003 visits and the holiday nurse paid 107 visits and saw seven new patients, making a grand total of 5,110 visits for the complete year. Nine patients were left on the books. The committee were happy to say that Nurse Robertson still continued her faithful and untiring service to her patients, by whom she was beloved, and was giving great satisfaction to the committee, the medical men, and the subscribers. Nurse Groscholtz attended 48 cases and paid 798 visits. It is regrettable, therefore, that the Committee had to report that owing to the funds coming to an end they felt compelled to call a meeting of the General Committee, who decided that the maternity work must be closed and the guarantee fund used until the annual meeting decided the future of the work. The Committee is of opinion that the widespread employment of uncertificated nurses is in some degree accountable for the present position.

The nursing staffs of the smaller hospitals in Birmingham, viz.: The Children's, Ear and Throat, Eye, Homœopathic, Orthopædic and Skin Hospitals are now rejoicing over the possession of a tennis court and croquet lawn. Through the great generosity of Mr. W. A. Cadbury, these have been laid out on a field off Sir Harry's Road, Edgbaston. A most delightful pavilion or club house has been built, round which runs a wide verandah which forms a splendid shelter if rain comes on. Deck chairs are provided and a small table so that even if it rains it is still possible to enjoy tea and to keep dry.

There is a club room, a little kitchen with a stove in it to boil kettles on (wood and coal are provided), a sink to wash up in, and a cloak room. Everything that nurses can wish for has been thought of even to a looking glass. A tennis set and a croquet set have been given, and the grounds are mown, rolled, and marked for the nurses. The kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Cadbury in providing all this is wonderful; in addition, flowers are placed in the club room frequently, and the nurses are asked to take them away.

A club is being formed, and representatives of each of the hospitals will be on the Com-

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