

under which the poor live, should visit the Garden City, and see what is possible to be done in the way of housing reform. It is interesting that shareholders will not be allowed a higher rate of interest for their investments than five per cent., anything in excess of this going to the development of the estate.

It is estimated that the city should be limited to 30,000 inhabitants, and when this number is complete it will still be surrounded by a belt of open country acquired by the promoters of the scheme, so that its abundant supply of fresh air is secure for ever.

Compare the chances of life afforded to the children who grow up in the open, wholesome atmosphere of the Garden City, in houses where the decencies of life are attainable, with those brought up in a single room in the crowded tenements of a great city. We can then estimate the immense influence for good on the physical health and moral welfare of a nation, which such cities may effect, and their far-reaching importance as factors in the social problem.

Miss Nutting was also greatly interested in the organisation of the Howard de Walden Home for Nurses in connection with the Nurses' Co-operation which, in Miss Laura Baker's capable hands is proving not only a great boon to the members, but also a financial success. It is, indeed, a home of which any nurses may be proud, and in which they should be able to gather fresh strength for their work between their cases. Moreover, the Committee recognises that the residents are grown and responsible women, and there is an entire absence of the needless and petty restrictions so often found in homes provided for nurses.

Gradually the visitors to the International Nursing Conference at Paris are returning to their own special work once more, and last week saw the departure of Miss Nutting, and of Miss Sophia L. Rutley, one of the visitors from California. The heartiest good wishes of British nurses will be with Miss Nutting in her important new work at Columbia University, work which we feel sure will be a success in the hands of so earnest and capable a member of our profession.

We have always been greatly impressed with the educational value of nursing exhibitions, and are glad to observe that considerable interest is at the present time being shown in them. At the opening of the new

Out-patients' and Special Departments Block at St. Bartholomew's Hospital on October 23rd there is to be a *Conversazione* in the new buildings, and an exhibit in the various special departments of subjects of scientific interest, illustrating the evolution of science in all the special branches of Medicine, Surgery, and Nursing, which should prove extremely interesting.

Again, at the Australian Women's Work Exhibition, which also opens on October 23rd, it is hoped that a nursing exhibit may be arranged. The body which should undertake this is undoubtedly the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association, but, in any case, *Una*, the organ of that Association, says it should not be difficult to arrange some means of worthily representing nursing at the exhibition. It draws attention to the practical utility of the Nurses' Conference and Exhibition held in London, under the auspices of the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses in November last, and devotes considerable space to reprinting from this Journal an account of the exhibition.

A number of prizes in connection with competitions have already been arranged, which are open to nurses. Thus prizes are offered for the best essays on any subjects connected with nursing, and with massage, for the best cooked meals for a patient on milk diet, and on meat diet, for the best served meal for an invalid, for the best original operating gown, mask, and headpiece, the best original method of artificially heating beds, and the best invention by a nurse, for which two prizes are offered, one of five guineas, and the other of three. The results of these competitions should be very interesting.

A writer in a contemporary alludes to a point in connection with which most private nurses have suffered much. He says: "Sometimes for many weeks nurses have to endure a physical and mental strain to gain an end, and, as a rule, I have observed their utter selflessness as regards their own comfort and convenience, as if they desired to lessen, and not add to, the sorrow already existing. The very least attention that should be shown to nurses is by providing them with the means of obtaining a comfortable rest after the long strain of day or night work, and this is what is not done except in a very few instances. It is almost ludicrous to observe the trouble it is thought to involve to provide sleeping accommodation. One member of a family suggests that nurse has a bed made up on the floor;

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