

progress of the classes of instruction for mothers, suggested by her Royal Highness at a previous visit. The function of the hospital as regards in-patients was to cure the child and return it to its mother sound and healthy. In the out-patient department they had not only to cure the child, but to educate the mother. Recently small centres had been started in various parts of London for consultations concerning infants with medical officers and lady health visitors, and one had been opened recently in Esher Street, which might benefit some of the hospital patients. But within the last seven months a small school for mothers had been started in the out-patients' department. Forty or fifty mothers were under instruction, and the difference in the condition of their children was most marked. An Out-Patient Department was, however, not an ideal place for giving such instruction. The Committee of the Belgrave Hospital is to be congratulated on being a pioneer of the movement in connection with children's hospitals.

The Duchess of Marlborough last week visited the West Ham Hospital, and presented medals and prizes to the successful probationers who distinguished themselves in the recent examination. In the senior division, the prizes were awarded to Nurses Austin and Wilson, and in the junior, to Nurses Eager and Cliff. The medal bears the profile of the Duchess, and her Grace presented one of these medals in gold to the Matron, Miss Ough.

There was a very large attendance at the recent Annual Meeting of members of the Watchet Nursing Association, at which Mr. W. Stoute presided, and the Annual Report presented by the Secretary, Miss Pole, afforded evidence, if evidence were needed, of the large amount of work got through by Nurse Smith. Miss Pole stated: "It has been a year of constant and heavy work. Nurse Smith has paid 7,270 visits, being a daily average of 19 visits, and has attended 236 cases, 18 of which were maternity cases. Throughout the entire district her services have been highly appreciated, and her patients have not failed to show their gratitude and appreciation when most needed."

A postscript to the Report states: "We congratulate Nurse Smith on the refutation of the malicious slanders which have been circulated concerning her in Watchet and Williton, and can only say that we desire nothing better for

any Association than that they might be favoured with the services of a nurse of as unblemished character and straightforward conduct as our own, or one who has won the esteem and affection of her patients in the same degree as Nurse Smith."

The new wing of the Convalescent Home for Little Children of the Poor at Cheervstown, Clendalkin, which was opened recently by the Earl of Aberdeen, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, was founded in 1904 by some of the Queen's Nurses connected with the St. Patrick Nurses' Home, Dublin, who in the course of their daily work had become aware of the pressing need of a home for little children recovering from illness. The Matron of the Home, Miss Kirkpatrick, and her assistant, Miss Smyth, spare no pains to make the time spent in the home of the greatest possible benefit to the patients, 300 of whom of ages varying from two weeks to twelve years have benefitted from the care received within its hospitable walls. The new wing is the gift of the Lady Alfreda Bourke and her brother, Captain the Hon. Charles Fitzwilliam.

The United States Navy Bill, providing for a corps of nurses in the naval service, has become law, and the bureau is organising and formulating its rules, which will soon take effect. The Bill provides that the Superintendent shall receive eighteen hundred dollars salary, about £370 a year.

League News.

Some of the members of the School Nurses' League spent a very pleasant afternoon at Hampton Court recently. They met at Waterloo and travelled down by tram, changing at Tooting for the Hampton Court car. Arrived at the Palace, some of the Nurses explored the beautiful gardens, while others were attracted to the fine collection of pictures in the Palace itself. They all met at the pagoda for tea, after which the President, Miss H. L. Pearse, said good-bye, but the nurses were loth to leave, and some who were skilful with the oar went for a row on the river, others engaged boatmen, while more of the party remained on shore at the riverside and enjoyed the animated scene.

Everyone agreed that the afternoon had been so pleasant that it must be repeated before long. Next time it is hoped to give longer notice of the date, so that it can be kept free.

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