

as to its organisation, especially in regard to the thrift branch.

The adoption of the report and balance-sheet was moved by Mrs. Leonard Cohen, and seconded by the Hon. Harry Lawson, M.P. for Stepney, who said the usefulness of the Society was not to be measured except by the social service which it rendered to the community. He remarked also that the mothers in Israel set a fine example to others in the way in which they looked after their children.

Tea and coffee were served at the conclusion of the meeting.

We are glad to hear that the Shoreditch and Bethnal Green District Nursing Association, of which Miss Böge is Superintendent, has cleared £80 by the recent entertainment. The annual meeting was held at St. Matthew's Parish Institute, Bethnal Green, on Tuesday last, the Bishop of Stepney in the chair. The congested district served by the Queen's Nurses attached to this Association is one of the poorest of the poor, where their work is far above rubies.

No wonder School Nurses are becoming indispensable. The Board of Education declares that many class rooms at Tottenham are overcrowded, and exit passages, corridors, and even play-sheds are used for teaching purposes. Classes are herded together side by side, often at ill-constructed desks in grossly overcrowded rooms. The provision of the extra accommodation suggested would entail an expenditure of over £100,000.

The Henrietta House Nursing Home, which is at the corner of Henrietta Street and Welbeck Street, Cavendish Square, W., was opened in June last under the supervision of Dr. A. B. Bradford, who for two years was resident medical officer of the private patients' block at St. Thomas' Hospital, S.E. The Home, which has pleasant and comfortably furnished rooms, can accommodate eighteen patients, and has a permanent staff of twelve nurses, the Matron being Miss Hopkins. About half of the staff are St. Thomas' trained nurses. The Medical Superintendent, the Matron, and the Theatre Sister sleep in the Home, and the nurses in a flat in Welbeck Street near by. The charge is a guinea a day and upwards, and includes all ordinary drugs, dressings, and nursing. There is a well appointed theatre, with anæsthetic room adjoining, and a large stock of instruments is available for the use of the operating surgeons. The Home, which formerly was an hotel, is provided with both a passenger and service lift. The patients' rooms are on three

floors, and the work is so arranged that the two patients, usually allotted to each nurse, are on the same floor, an arrangement which they appear to appreciate.

One of the most charming Nursing Homes in England is that situated at Hindhead, in Surrey, which was designed and built for the purpose for Miss Michael, who has for seven years carried on this most successful private hospital. Now we learn Miss Michael is retiring on her laurels, and that Miss Edla Wortabet will, in future, be Lady Superintendent. In our Supplement will be found an advertisement for three nurses, who must be cultured women, required for the Hindhead Nursing Home, where everything, especially the electrical department, is very up-to-date. Nurses who love beautiful scenery would find themselves in a congenial environment at Hindhead.

Mr. F. C. Wallis, F.R.C.S., surgeon to Charing Cross Hospital, writing in the *British Medical Journal* in defence of the radical operation for hæmorrhoids, refers generously to the part played by nursing in obtaining satisfactory results. He writes:—"However well the operation is conducted, the ultimate result will be made or marred by the nursing. Unless these cases are scrupulously nursed justice will not be done to the operator or to the patient. There is no doubt that bad, indifferent, or insufficient nursing is the main cause of many shortcomings in these cases. I should like to pay a tribute to the nursing at the Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children, where I have operated on a large number of these cases, and in not one single instance has there ever been any setback of any sort or kind. Good nursing is the keynote of success in all rectal surgery, and this is particularly the case in this operation for hæmorrhoids, which, when properly performed and properly nursed, is not only a radical cure for hæmorrhoids, but an almost equally radical preventive of abscess and fistula."

At the Annual Meeting of the Committee of Management of the South Infirmity, Cork, Sister Albeus Fogarty and her staff received many no doubt well deserved compliments. The Joint Committee expressed their satisfaction, and stated that they had received very gratifying reports of the work done by the nurses sent out by the institution. Sister Albeus had as usual discharged her duties with assiduous care and kindly sympathy, and was ever ready to adopt as far as lay in her power any suggestions for the comfort and welfare of the patients.

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