

To enter these during Christmas week and see the result of the unbounded good will which is everywhere apparent would make the poorest heart rejoice. Managers, Matrons, doctors, nurses, wardmaids, parsons, porters, and patrons have all given time, labour, love, and money with the result that good cheer, gifts, and consolation suffuse the whole atmosphere with well being and content.

To single out one institution as more deserving of praise than another would be invidious. All those we had time to visit were just as lovely as lovely could be.

The portrait which we have the pleasure of presenting on this page is of Miss Annie Smith, the Matron of the Kingston Union Infirmary. Miss Smith, who has recently been elected a member of the Matrons' Council, is the friend and successor of the late Miss J. A. Smith, who did so much for the Infirmary, and established the training school for nurses in connection with it. It was her hope that Miss Annie Smith, of whose work she had had the opportunity of judging, first as Home Sister at the Bradford Union Infirmary, and then as Ward Sister and Assistant Matron at the Kingston Union Infirmary, would succeed her. Miss Smith was trained at the Crumpsall Infirmary, Manchester. She is the President of the Kingston Infirmary Nurses' League.



Miss ANNIE SMITH,
Matron, Kingston Union Infirmary.

Miss Clara Lee, Thistledown, Norton Way North, Letchworth, Herts, has most kindly offered to give the profits on the sale of her delicious home-made jam to the £100 Registration Fund. This kills two birds with one stone, as every housewife must have jam (and seldom gets it pure). To a good registrationist it will add greatly to its flavour to know that every dainty sandwich she enjoys is all for the good of the cause. It can be obtained from Miss Lee,

at the following prices per lb.:—Greengage, gooseberry, and crab apple, 8d.; damson, plum, and rhubarb, 7d. We hope the stock will be soon sold out—the greedy editor has ordered her supply.

An interesting meeting of the Nurses' Social Union was recently held at Bristol, when Miss Evelyn Eden gave a history of nursing, illustrated by magic lantern slides. The lecture is quite unique. The slides have been collected from many sources, and number over 100, beginning with illustrations of the period 2,000 years B.C.

They show the treatment, or maltreatment, of the sick in the Dark Ages, and the rise of the religious Orders, who devoted their lives with love, but without scientific knowledge, to the care of the sick. Every variety of nursing, good and bad, is depicted, from the untutored methods of mediævalism down to the enlightened practice of modern times.

The lecture was thoroughly enjoyed, and held the interest of its hearers from start to finish. It made them realise in a way that probably they had never done before the wonderful development of their profession.

The Bristol Branch of the Nurses' Social Union is managed entirely by nurses, and

the number of meetings organised and practical work done by it attests the value of the Union to them in their work.

The Edmonton Guardians have demanded the resignation of Miss Helen Clark, who has been a nurse at the Infirmary for 14 years, because she wrote an anonymous letter to the press, reflecting in some measure upon their management. Personally, we prefer signed letters. Poor Law Guardians are not the employers of Poor Law staffs, and the touchy attitude of masters ill becomes them. Miss Clark is not going to resign without ascertaining whether the Guardians have a right to dis-

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