

Morgan, and many more. At the conclusion of the concert refreshments were served in the adjoining room, which was beautifully decorated.

On Saturday a concert was kindly arranged by the Rev. Hamilton Rose for the domestic staff, who were each allowed to invite two guests, which was greatly enjoyed. This ended the Christmas festivities.

The Guardians of the St. Marylebone Infirmary adopt the excellent practice of inviting the ratepayers to the Infirmary on the occasion of the Christmas festivities so that they may see for themselves how the sick poor are cared for in the institution they maintain. Dr. Eliot Brown, Chairman of the Committee, Mr. F. Morris, Chairman of the Board, and others received the guests, who were then entertained to tea, and afterwards visited the wards, festive in their Christmas guise, and other departments of the Infirmary. They were conducted round it by Miss Cockrell, the Matron, Mr. Basil Hood, Medical Superintendent, and the sisters and nurses, who all endeavoured to make the afternoon an enjoyable one for their visitors, and were proud to show their fine Infirmary. Needless to say, the patients greatly enjoyed the festivities, and many had never spent so happy a Christmas before.

We are glad to note that one of the workmen's delegates on the Gateshead Nursing Association, in supporting the report, said their nurses ought to be better paid, and have shorter hours. It was stated, in the annual report, that during the year 1,448 patients had been attended, and the nurses had paid 24,072 visits. The average number of visits per annum per nurse had been upwards of 4,000.

According to local opinion Aberdare is still without a properly equipped hospital, and the need of district nurses is also severely felt. With the exception of Cwmaman, where a district nurse has been maintained for the past three years, Lady Aberdare maintaining her for the first year and assisting during the past two years, there is no district nurse in Aberdare. The Merthyr Board of Guardians have appointed a nurse who will reside in Aberdare, but she will only attend to those who are in receipt of outdoor relief, and there is a very large class of persons outside those who are in receipt of outdoor relief to whom the services of a district nurse in case of serious illness or accident would be of great benefit. An appeal is being made to the ladies of the town and dis-

trict to take the matter up and assist their poorer neighbours by securing for them when in illness, or suffering from the results of accidents in the coalmines or elsewhere, the services of a capable nurse, either free or at a nominal cost.

The International Hygiene Exhibition, to be held in Dresden from May to October this year, promises to be extremely interesting. Its aim is to bring before the professional world and the public the latest developments of modern hygiene. Dresden is a city visited by many foreigners, and its exhibition grounds are exceptionally fine, but for an exhibit on the scale of the one now planned even the spacious grounds at Dresden are insufficient. By the courtesy of his Majesty the King of Saxony, however, a part of the Royal Gardens has been placed at the disposal of the Organising Committee. The Royal Saxon Government and the Municipality of Dresden have formally promised extensive support, and an ample guarantee has been secured. This historical department promises to be specially instructive, showing what splendid provision was made for the physical development of both individuals and races thousands of years ago, and how, in later centuries, the neglect of hygienic ideas led to physical deterioration. The present generation is, so we are assured, in hygienic mood. Man longs for an intensified feeling of good health, and demands hygienic instruction.

In the section, "Care of the Sick," the medical and nursing staff will be considered, the latter under the headings, "Religious, Secular, and State Organisations of Nurses." Under "Nursing," home nursing, local public nursing, public aid stations—*i.e.*, the care of infants, tuberculosis, and alcoholism—will be discussed, as well as polyclinics. The hospital service in general, and special—including prison—hospitals, will also be exhaustively considered.

Sister Agnes Karll has undertaken to organise the Nurses' Congress in connection with the German Nurses' Association, and will also arrange an interesting exhibit. All the pictures from the History of Nursing will be there as large cartoons, diagrams of health statistics, photographs of the office of the Association, books and pamphlets, and some dolls in uniform. Sister Karll hopes that Frau Stritt will take the chair at the Congress, which will be in October, and she will herself present a report on nursing organisation both in Germany and abroad.

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