

delightful day is that the sun shall shine, when Alton will be seen at its loveliest. It is delightful that the whole time spent at Alton can thus be devoted to seeing the Hospital and College, at which a quite wonderful work is being carried on by devoted doctors and nurses. An interesting incident will be the presentation by the Lord Mayor to the fortunate nurse of a gold medal, instituted by Sir William Treloar in memory of his wife.

A very pleasant "At Home" was given by Miss Gordon at the Norfolk Square Nurses' Club, 51, Norfolk Square, W., on Thursday, May 11th, when Miss Isabel Macdonald, Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, gave an address on "Private Nursing," which she prefaced by saying that no nurse is really successful who allows ideals to drop out of her scheme of things, and she owed much to a Sister in her training school who early in her career impressed upon her "never allow yourself to lose hold of ideals."

Selfish women should, above all others, avoid the nursing profession; they could not become good nurses, and were bound to miss success. Private nursing, though it had its hardships, had also its sunny side. Ingratitude was not a very common experience of good nurses, the vast majority of patients treated their nurses well, but it was not unnatural that households absorbed in a great anxiety should be apt to be unmindful of the needs of the nurse, and to fail to realise that her life was spent in the midst of similar emergencies. It was the duty of the nurse to maintain her efficiency by securing sufficient rest, fresh air, and suitable food.

At the conclusion of Miss Macdonald's address, which was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, tea was served, with true Scotch hospitality, in the pleasant dining-room provided for those who make use of the Club, and afterwards those present adjourned to the drawing-room, where a musical programme of exceptional excellence was enjoyed. The pianists were Miss Marion Pye and Miss Agnew, and the vocalists Miss Phyllis Pethick, Mrs. Westmacott, and Mrs. H. Basan, who contributed much to the pleasure of the afternoon.

At the meeting of the London County Council on Tuesday last the Education Committee reported in connection with the provision for medical treatment, it is estimated that some 92,000 children will require treatment for eye, ear, nose, and throat ailments, and some 6,000 for skin ailments (of which 3,500 will be ring-

worm cases), also that in connection with the Council's scheme for medical treatment, it has been found that in many cases the parents require to be instructed as to the syringing of the ears of their children, the insertion of atropine in their children's eyes and as to the care of children after operation for adenoids and enlarged tonsils. A sum of £500 has therefore been included under "provisional sums" for possible schemes for providing for this work to be undertaken by nurses. Provision has also been made for improving the working of the Council's arrangements with the hospitals. At the present time it is not possible to obtain early information from the hospitals as to the attendance of the children, and there is a considerable number of children who cease attendance before treatment is completed. It is therefore desirable that some provision should be made at the hospitals and medical treatment centres in order that cases may be followed up and leakage avoided. Provision is also made for the salaries of additional nurses in connection with the scheme for the cleansing of verminous children. It is proposed that one nurse shall be allocated to each of the 24 stations.

Miss Beatrice Kent, Nurses' Lodge, 9, Colosseum Terrace, Regent's Park, will be pleased to hear from nurses able to take part in the Coronation Procession of Women for the Vote, to take place on Saturday, June 17th. We hope nurses will attend in their indoor uniform, as their dainty appearance and the knowledge of their good works, assures them a very sympathetic reception from the public.

A number of nurses were present at a meeting of the Nurses' Union, held at the Hampstead General Hospital on Saturday last, when the guests were received by the Matron, Miss Gregory, and Miss Dashwood. Dr. Percy Lush presided, and spoke warmly of the Nurses' Union and its magazine "Links." He also played in a stringed quartette with the daughters of Sir Alfred Pearce Gould, who, with two friends, supplied the musical programme. The speakers were Dr. Willoughby and Miss Wilbraham Taylor, who spoke of the aims of the Nurses' Union. Tea was served in the Nurses' dining and sitting-rooms, after which many of the visitors were shown round the wards by members of the nursing staff.

The annual meeting of the Canadian National Association of Trained Nurses will be held in the Public Library Building, Niagara Falls, opening on May 22nd. Miss Mary Agnes Snively, the

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