

for visiting Alton. It was a little world for the people who lived there, and the day was made memorable to them by the opening of the museum, the presentation of the Eugene Sandow prize—a cricket set for progress in physical culture—the unveiling of the Dickens Fellowship Cot, and the presentation of the medals to the nurses. Sir William also thanked all those who had come to see the place. The resolution was seconded by Sir William Dunn, and carried by acclamation.

The Lord Mayor, in responding for himself and the Lady Mayoress, said that the privilege was theirs. They had been most impressed by what they had seen. The greatest privilege that the position of Chief Magistrate gave to the holder of the office was to bring a much wider interest into his life than he could attain in his individual capacity.

It was the responsibility of the man so circumstanced to see to it that the great influence attached to the office, which was the oldest in the constitution of the country, was used in support of great and noble causes. He hoped the nurse who had won the gold medal, instituted by Sir William Treloar in memory of his wife, who in the early stages of the scheme had done so much to inspire her husband to provide for poor crippled children who could not help themselves, would wear it with satisfaction to herself, with credit to the institution, and with advantage to the patients, there and elsewhere, from the training she had received.

The Hospital and College had a mission so lofty in purpose, so useful in its methods that it was the duty of all present to consider how they might help forward its work and

“Aid the right that needs assistance,
Oppose the wrong that needs resistance,
Work for the future in the distance,
Aid the right.”

A hearty vote of thanks to Sir William Treloar was then passed with acclamation, and the interesting ceremony was at an end.

As they entrained for London, the guests were enthusiastic in their expressions of delight at all they had seen at Alton, and we may hope availed themselves of the privilege of subscribing generously in its support on the cunning little cards placed on the tea tables, and gathered up by the Secretary.

Our illustration of the Forest School on page 410 shows that, either in or out of doors, school (conducted by nurses) goes on regularly.

The Badge of the Queen Alexandra League on page 411 is given to every child who subscribes or collects one guinea a year. Those wishing to do so should write to Sir William Treloar, 123, Mansion House Chambers, E.C.

M. B.

Progress of State Registration.

The annual meeting of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses takes place on Thursday, 25th May, at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., and Mrs. Walter Spencer extends a kind invitation to the members to tea after the meeting at 2, Portland Place, W. We hope members will make every effort to be present to encourage those who have been working hard all the year in their interest. We must always remember that the opposition would have been worn away years ago if each of those associated together for registration reform had done her share of the drudgery.

Members of the Societies affiliated to the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses will combine to congratulate Dr. J. A. Macdonald on his election as a direct representative of the medical practitioners of England and Wales on the General Medical Council. Dr. Macdonald is one of the five representatives of the British Medical Association on the Central Registration Committee.

AUSTRALASIAN NURSES NEXT.

The *Australasian Nurses' Journal* brings the best of news this month. “There seems every probability,” writes the editor, “of having State Registration of Nurses in New South Wales by the end of the present year, judging from the favourable reception accorded by a Minister of the Crown to the deputation of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association. The present Government is evidently in entire sympathy with State Registration of Nurses.

“The present Bill is one that should be welcomed by all the members of the A.T.N.A., for if it becomes law the State itself will protect and guard their interests by demanding a definite standard of training from all nurses, and will give the nursing profession a status of their own. We are pleased that the latest addition to our Association, namely, the Mental Nurses, are also included under the Bill, with a mental nursing representative on the Board.

“State Registration has proved its value both to the public and the nursing profession in the United States and in New Zealand. In England the demand for such legislation is becoming more and more insistent, and it is only the many vested interests, and the diversity of training, that prevent the passing of such an Act.

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