

in connection with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company in America. The first-mentioned Society has 160,000 policy-holders, of whom from 1,200 to 1,500 die every year. If it were possible to prevent each year the death of one person insured for £100 by skilful nursing the nurse would pay for herself, but probably many more deaths are due to the want of experienced nursing care, and the point is therefore well worth the consideration of directors of insurance societies.

### Lady Truscott's Garden Party.

The invitation issued by Lady Truscott to members of the Territorial Force Nursing Service for the City and County of London to a garden party in the gardens of the Royal Botanic Society, Regent's Park, on Wednesday, July 12th, to meet the Lady Mayoress and the Executive Committee of the Service, is sure to be widely appreciated. It was during Sir George Wyatt Truscott's year of office as Lord Mayor that the Service was inaugurated in the City and County of London, at a meeting at the Mansion House, and throughout the year Lady Truscott gave much time and thought to the details of the organisation of the new Service, in which she has continued to take a warm interest. We are asked to state that Lady Truscott hopes as many of the nurses as possible will be present to welcome the Lady Mayoress, Lady Vezey Strong, who is due to arrive at 5 p.m.

### Legal Matters.

#### DAMAGES FOR THE PROPRIETRESS OF A NURSING HOME.

Miss A. J. Hamp-Adams, proprietress of a Nursing Home in New Cavendish Street, W., who brought an action for damages for assault against Major Charles Hall, described as a retired Army Officer, in the London Sheriff's Court on Tuesday, was awarded £1,500 damages. The case came before Mr. Under-Sheriff Burchell and a jury.

Mr. G. H. Mallinson, counsel for the plaintiff, said that the plaintiff was a gentleman of considerable wealth. On May 2nd last year a lady was admitted as a patient to the home, and the major called the same day to see her.

As he became abusive to a servant he was invited to see the Lady Superintendent. Eventually he became very threatening, and Miss Hamp-Adams believed that he was trying to aim a blow at her. In her efforts to get away from him she struck her knee, injuring it seriously, and there was still a fear that the injury might be permanent.

### Reflections.

#### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

H.R.H. the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, has consented to open the Sir Henry Tyler wing extension of the London Homœopathic Hospital, on Thursday, July 6th.

There appears to be an almost unanimous opinion amongst voluntary hospital managers and secretaries that the National Insurance Bill will be most inimical to their interests, and incidentally to the medical schools. It is calculated that the insurance of nurses and domestics would tax the hospitals' finances to something between £20,000 and £30,000 a year, and the general opinion is that nurses and servants should be exempted whilst in the service of hospitals, as they receive medical attendance and nursing free in such institutions, and cost far more than the insurance fee would cover.

There is no doubt that in its present form the Bill is calculated to cut at the root of the voluntary hospital system.

At the recent annual meeting of the National Children's Hospital, Dublin, Sir Lambert Ormsby, senior medical officer, made a very valuable suggestion. He said he was glad to testify to the zeal and efficiency displayed in the hospital by the nursing staff under the able supervision and guidance of their Matron and her senior Staff Sister. During his long experience in the treatment of diseases peculiar to children, he had thought very deeply about the subject, and the hopelessness of treating extensive tuberculous disease of bones and joints in children in the closed wards of a city hospital. For years he had refused admission into the general hospital he was connected with of all tuberculous children for a longer period than was absolutely necessary to correct urgent and unsightly deformity. Sir Lambert urged on the Committee and the charitable public to collect funds to build a Children's Country Hospital in the pure country, far removed from the smoky city, where the patients could bask out-of-doors in sunshine and pure air. This was a departure sure to succeed for the lasting advantage of the little patients, and which should, in his opinion, be followed by every large city. Nothing was more distressing to the surgeon than helplessly to watch these diseased children drifting from one institution to another in the vain hope of permanent benefit, which, alas, in many instances, ended in confirmed deformity or death. Children who had been treated in city hospitals without much improvement or lasting benefit, quickly responded under the balmy influences of fresh air and sunshine, and their pale faces soon became healthy and rosy, as had been proved at the Country Children's Hospital, Heswall, Cheshire, not many miles from Liverpool. Sir Lambert showed photographs and pictures of the open air treatment as carried out at the Country Children's Hospital, Heswall, where the wards are entirely open, one side-wall being altogether absent.

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