

in it, and soil had to be brought for 50 miles to make suitable ground for the gardens.

There are, it is true, parks in New York, but even if they can be reached a decorated park does not satisfy a child. He needs, as Miss Parsons pointed out, a plot of ground that he can spade, in which he can make investigations as to whether pennies and buttons will grow; in which he can plant radish and other seeds, and in watching their development meet the mysteries of life, get back to that of God, and learn something of the brotherhood of man. The difference between the decorated park and the child's own plot resembles that between a Paris doll and a rag doll. The first garden established provided for 1,500 children; now another one even larger is in contemplation, and there is not a child but is eager and frantic to secure a plot.

The gardens are provided with portable houses which the children use in winter, and at other times, to do their preparation for their garden work, and as they each take their share in keeping the house in order they learn something of simple housekeeping. Object lessons are also given to the children by keeping plants under cover without sufficient light and air. The children see how they droop and fade, and the moral of the need of fresh air in their own homes is easy to draw.

One of the slides showed tubercular children in winter lying out in a garden in arctic bags, and another the children receiving the tags which entitle them to their plots. Simple lessons in planting are given. "Don't tell us, show us," is the demand of the children. One child drew a radish in his diary as large as himself. He was quite right, said Miss Parsons, for the growth of that radish was the biggest event in his life.

Each child is granted a plot 4 ft. x 8 ft. and is then the sole owner of the plot and all it produces for a term of some months. The child is taught to lay out and build the garden and make the paths, and each detail is explained to its reason.

A movement is now on foot to acquire and make use of waste courts and spaces in London for the creation of playgrounds and gardens, and all the influence which school nurses possess should be brought to bear in its support.

It has been decided to form a Coronation District Nursing Association at Hatfield, Yorkshire, in commemoration of the Coronation of King George V. Viscount Chetwynd presided

at the inaugural meeting, and Miss Ross, sent by the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute in London, gave an interesting address.

The work of the Stockport Sick Poor and Private Nursing Association has been substantially assisted by the gift of a well-built house for the reception of patients by the late Mrs. Walthew for the purpose of a Nursing Home. The Home, which will be known as the Annie Walthew Nursing Home, was opened last week by Alderman W. Lees, President of the Association, the deeds of the house being handed to him by Mrs. Mason, the donor's sister, who expressed her delight at the way in which the house had been adapted for its purpose.

At the Annual Meeting of the Holywood District Nursing Society, Holywood, Ireland, at which Dr. D'Arcy, Lord Bishop of the Diocese, presided, Mrs. McCance, President of the Society, presented the Executive Committee's Annual Report, and stated that while the work had not been as heavy as in 1909, still the Society had been a great power for good throughout that large and scattered district. Nurse Miller had resigned to undertake an important position in Plymouth, and the Committee parted with her with much regret. The cases attended by the nurses numbered 471, and the visits paid 6,699.

Mme. Kriegk contributed to the last issue of *La Femme* an interesting article on "Scholarships at the Protestant Hospital, Bordeaux," in which she gives a history of the hospital from its foundation, and shows that it offers an excellent career to women. Eight scholarships are given, thanks to which the holders are admitted to all the advantages of resident pupils. Instead of requiring additional years of service in lieu of payment both the pupils who hold scholarships and those who pay are free at the end of their training.

The scholarships are only awarded to Protestant pupils, preferably the daughters of pastors, but many others have also gained them, daughters of judges, bankers, university professors, naval and military officers, doctors, etc. The large number of applications received permits a selection.

Prince Alexander of Teck has received from Sir Charles Wyndham a contribution of £1,000 towards the Prince Francis of Teck Memorial Fund for the Middlesex Hospital. The fund, which was opened on November 1st last, now amounts to £28,361, and his Serene Highness earnestly hopes to complete the first £30,000 by the end of the present month.

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