

alpaca dress and cap and apron. The Finsen lamps in the electrical department, and the treatment of ringworm cases by X-rays also caused much interest, as did the unique dental clinic, with its conservation department and 70 dental chairs, and the nurses were proud to show their beautiful Home, with its fine swimming bath.

On Wednesday, and again on Friday last week, a Select Committee of the House of Commons, presided over by Mr. C. Roberts, heard evidence with reference to the Asylum Officers' (Employment, Pensions, and Super-



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annuation) Bill, introduced into the House by Lord Wolmer, to amend the Asylum Officers' Superannuation Act, 1909, and which has passed its Second Reading. Mr. J. F. Moylan, who gave evidence on behalf of the Home Office, said that in the opinion of that Office the superannuation allowance was too generous. An officer who entered the Service at 20 would be entitled to superannuation at 45. He suggested this age in the case of the female staff and 50 in the case of the male staff. Another witness was Dr. Shuttleworth, Hon. Secretary of the Asylum Workers' Association, who gave evidence on its behalf.

Owing to the prevalence of illness among the nurses of the Infirmary, caused, it is con-

sidered, by want of sufficient recreation, the Bethnal Green Board of Guardians have arranged for the staff to have one day's rest in seven. The increased cost is estimated at £400 a year.

We are always glad to record courage and resource on the part of nurses, and both were exhibited in a high degree by Miss Hackman, a nurse at the Heybridge Isolation Hospital, Essex, who rescued four little scarlet fever patients, sleeping under canvas, from being burned to death. The nurse suddenly discovered flames in the roof of the tent, and part of the blazing canvas fell on the bed of one of the children and set it on fire. In an instant she had picked up the child and carried it into safety, before it was seriously injured, raising the alarm at the same time; then, with the assistance thus obtained, she carried the three other children out of the tent before it was reduced in a few minutes to a heap of cinders, sustaining some burns herself during the process. By the courtesy of the *Evening Times* we are able to publish the portrait of Miss Hackman, which appears on this page.

It having been represented to the Local Government Board, Edinburgh, that it would be of material benefit to local authorities and to nurses trained in fever hospitals if the Board were to grant to such nurses certificates similar to those now given to nurses trained in poor law hospitals, the Board have decided to institute regular examinations for fever nurses, and they have framed a syllabus of study. No obligation is placed either on hospital authorities or on nurses to come within the scope of the Board's scheme of training and examination, the scheme being entirely voluntary.

The Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association picniced together last week at Guabo Tower, Newtonards. In spite of a real downpour the nurses had a merry time, and had tea in the Tower.

A correspondent in Nairobi, British East Africa, writes that there is almost unlimited work there for nurses keen on maternity work, but little opportunity for medical and surgical nursing, as most of these cases go to the Government Hospitals.

Nairobi is in a healthy part of East Africa, much cooler than at the coast. For nurses who can go out under good auspices such an opening might prove useful. But all contracts should be in writing.

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