

the poor now under the various Boards of Guardians, the result of which would be to bring about uniformity of treatment and classification throughout the Metropolis, and possibly to enlarge its borders for this purpose. Existing Boards of Guardians may be retained with limited local powers. The formation of the Board is an important and desirable step; as much of its work will be concerned with the nursing of the sick in poor law infirmaries and workhouses, we hope that trained nurses will be included amongst its members.

Queen's Nurses came in for well deserved compliments at the opening of the three days' Fair and Carnival in the Brighton Dome, the Mayoress of Brighton and the Mayoress of Hove vying with one another in their appreciation of the value and virtues of the nurses. The objects of this special effort are to wipe off the debt on the maintenance fund, furnish the new home, and provide the nucleus of an endowment fund. On the first day Miss Buckle, the Superintendent of the Brighton Branch, presented a beautiful bouquet to Mrs. Thomas-Stanford, and on the second day Miss Gilbert, Superintendent of the Hove nurses, paid the same courtesy to Mrs. Marks, the Mayoress of Hove. We are glad to know the profits on the bazaar are likely to amount to a handsome sum.

In America Nurses are beginning to prepare themselves, by a system of Social Training, for the social side of district nursing—which includes the equipment of the charity organization worker—a course lately arranged in Cleveland includes the co-operation of the Anti-Tuberculosis League, the Balins Dispensary and Hospital and the Western Reserve University. *The Visiting Nurse Quarterly* says: "The class will be conducted by Miss Hanna Buchanan, student in the Department of District Nursing and Public Health Protection at the Teachers' College, New York, during the year 1910-11. Her work for that department; beside the regular college class-work and lectures, included practical nursing service and social work in the tenement districts in New York, the observation of the municipal and private activities in welfare work such as that of the school nurse, inspection of day nurseries, midwife inspection, milk stations, the nursing of tuberculosis, day camps, &c."

Several scholarships have been offered for nurses who may desire to enter the class this year and who have not previously planned to take postgraduate work. A few cover the cost of tuition only; others are available which are estimated as the equivalent of living expenses.

THE COOKERY AND FOOD EXHIBITION.

The twenty-second Universal Food and Cookery Exhibition, organised by the Association of that name, was opened on Tuesday last, at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, by Princess Christian. Her Royal Highness was received by Lieut.-Col. Sir Charles Frederick, K.C.B., President of the Association, Mr. G. Herman Senn, Hon. Director, and other officials. A guard of honour was formed of white capped and coated boys, who, under instruction at the L.C.C. Westminster Technical Institute, bid fair to become accomplished cooks, many of their exhibits being of a high order.

The exhibits in the invalid cookery competition open only to certificated nurses, for which there are forty-five entries, are on view on November 2nd and 3rd, too late for us to comment on them in this issue. Trained nurses, however, were exhibiting in some of the other classes. Miss M. Lord, Matron of the Banstead Asylum, nurses at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and others having attractive exhibits among the non-flesh class, the fish preparations, the sweet dishes, and vegetables.

The exhibition is of a very high order, and affords an opportunity to a limited number of commercial exhibitors, of which well-known firms availed themselves.

THE DEDICATION OF A NEW MORTUARY.

The new Mortuary at the Essex County Hospital, Colchester, was dedicated by the Bishop of Colchester on Monday last. He was assisted by the Chaplain, and the Chairman of the Hospital read the lesson. The nurses acted as choir and sang two hymns very sweetly. The Mortuary is the gift of Mr. and Miss Hewitt, of Lower Park, Dedham, and they were present. It is in three compartments—Chapel, Mortuary and Post-Mortem room.

The walls of the chapel are lined half way up with soft red tiles, and at the east end, under the round window, is inscribed the text, "Them which sleep in Jesus will God bring with Him."—Thes. iv. 14. There is a little altar table with Cross, flowers and candles. The Cross was the gift of some members of the Nursing staff. There are forms and prayer desks, so that some portion of the Burial Service can be held there.

It is in this department that the friends will see their dead. They will be wheeled from the Mortuary proper, which is lined with plain white glazed brick, and contains three marble-topped slabs which wheel.

The linen sheets, neckcloths and face cloths are all embroidered, so are the two palls, which are of dark violet cloth with white embroidery. It is a pleasure to report that the Essex County Hospital will now not be behind the times in its care for those who die within its walls.

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