

national Nursing Question. She spoke on the educative effect of the co-operation of professional units, and the value of National Associations of Nurses, and laid stress on the far more valuable result to humanity at large of international sympathy and understanding, closing with a strong appeal to those present to attend, if possible, the Triennial Meeting and Congress of the International Council of Nurses at Cologne in August, 1912, when, she said, amongst the associations applying for affiliation, would be the nurses of India, whose self-sacrificing work in that great Empire was beyond praise.

At the termination of the meeting tea was served at little tables on the terrace in the beautiful grounds of the hospital, from which a superb view over the city to the Downs delighted the eye, Miss Carpenter Turner and the Sisters and Nurses supplied the needs of their guests in the kindest and most hospitable manner possible.

The members separated after a most enjoyable meeting.

M. MOLLETT, *Hon. Secretary.*

The Royal County Hospital, Winchester, is a beautiful building, situated splendidly on a hill, around which health-giving fresh air is usually circulating. In the balconies and grounds the patients have the very best chance of recovery. The Nursing School, under the direction of Miss Carpenter Turner, has of late years become recognised as an excellent field for training, and to judge from appearances the nursing staff are very happy in their surroundings. The new Nurses' Home adds greatly to these desirable conditions. This is built at right angles to the hospital, overlooking the front garden, and is thoroughly well appointed. The Matrons' Council meeting was held in the beautiful sitting-room, which, with pale-green walls, fine prints, deep rose curtains, bright carpets, and most comfortable chairs, supplies rest for mind and body.

The Royal and ancient City of Winchester is a tantalising place in which to spend a few hours, as it contains monuments of the greatest historic value. The Cathedral alone contains such a wealth of architectural and historical detail that an hour spent within its walls suffices only for a mere glance at some of the most magnificent craftsmanship in the world. The members of the Matrons' Council made the most of the few hours at their disposal, but for those who know not Winchester a quiet week should be spent there if its charm and beauty is to be appreciated.

Nurses and the Coronation.

THE MUNICIPAL NURSE.

If evidence were required, which it is not, of the ever-increasing influence of the trained nurse as a factor of social organisation, it has been well demonstrated during the celebrations of the Coronation. The trained nurse was on duty, and had her point of vantage inside the Abbey on Coronation Day, and also at innumerable stations throughout the route. She was an honoured guest of the King within the Abbey, and of Government Departments, and of many appreciative members of the public outside it; but almost more important than these recognitions was the fact that when the King and Queen entertained their large family of charming London School Children the trained band of Municipal Nurses, the School Nurses of the London County Council, under the able guidance of their Superintendent, Miss H. L. Pearse, were to the fore in every direction, and with perfect precision and unlimited loyalty played their important part in that historic Fête.

Such an important event in the history of School Nursing cannot be lightly passed by, and we are indebted to Miss Pearse for the following graphic impressions of the day:—

THE CROWN AND THE CHILDREN.

"The Triumph of Organisation" has been the description of the arrangements for the great day, the 30th of June, when the King and Queen of these Realms bid 100,000 little people welcome at the Children's Fête at the Crystal Palace. A hundred thousand school boys and girls, all of whom had been looking forward to this entrancing day for many weeks—weeks spent by those responsible for its success in devoted and anxious work, by planning and experiment, so that all should be ready to the last pin—and just here unstinted praise must be accorded to the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. R. Blair, to whose wonderful patience and courage the ultimate success was largely due.

For weeks we had been working, and the day before the Fête we had made final arrangements. The L.C.C. Medical and Nursing Headquarters were in the Grand Stand, overlooking the football ground, but the four Rest Tents were conveniently placed in the grounds, and with an adequate provision of stores in each.

When the great day arrived the Committee, Stewards, and Relief Nurses entrained in a special at Victoria soon after 9 a.m., and upon arrival at the Palace each section proceeded to its special sphere—the leaders to headquarters up in the roof of the Palace, from

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