

Nursing Echoes.



The London County Council have authorised the appointment for a period of one year of 23 additional School Nurses in the Public Health Department, in connection with the cleansing of verminous children. Three having been appointed temporarily, the Established Committee now recommend the Council to agree to the appointment of 20 others, each at the rate of pay of 7s. 6d. a working day.

School clinics for children between 5 and 14 years of age are now of proved value, but it has remained for the Women's Labour League to initiate a Baby Clinic, which it is proposed to open in September next in a poor district in North Kensington. Recently the League lost by death its much valued Secretary, Mrs. Middleton, and the Executive have decided to devote the money subscribed for a memorial to her memory to the establishment of a Baby Clinic, and a special committee has been formed to carry out this object. This committee writes:—"We feel that such work would be very near her heart—her love for little children was great—and she would have been happy to assist in thus helping suffering little ones." The Baby Clinic will deal with the little ones who do not yet go to school, and the committee hope to secure the services of a highly skilled and sympathetic nurse.

Old Plaistow nurses are cordially invited to a garden fête on August 2nd at the Nurses' Home, Howard's Road, when badges for village nurses trained at Plaistow (or its branches) will be presented. Further particulars may be had on application to Miss Pritchard at the Home.

Lady Mary Howard opened the Fête and Sale of Work at Tapton Holt, the residence of Mrs. George Franklin, last week, by which it is hoped to wipe out the debt on the new Queen Victoria District Home at Sheffield. In spite of a little rain the sale was most successful, and a goodly sum was realised towards this excellent object.

A day in a summer's garden is a delightful treat to hard-worked district nurses, and as the result of such a suggestion about 40 nurses on the staff of the Kent County Nursing Associa-

tion were entertained in the Rectory Garden at Speldhurst, by the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. McKinnon. The Hon. Mrs. H. W. Forster generously provided the nurses' railway fares, and incidental expenses were met by special subscription from various members of the County Committee. Proceedings commenced with an excellent dinner in the far-famed oak room of the George and Dragon Inn, where the archers of Agincourt are known to have celebrated that great victory on their return from France in 1415. After dinner the Rector took the whole party to the summit of the Church tower, and there gave them a little account of the forest region which was spread around them—that forest of Andred, which was once the largest in the Kingdom. The nurses then spent the rest of the day in the shady grounds of the Rectory, and had tea on the lawn. Miss Jacobs, the Nursing Superintendent, was present. The time for the return journey came all too soon, and the happy nurses, laden with flowers, departed with ringing cheers for their kind host and hostess. It is hoped this gathering may become an annual one, and that other gardens may be opened to the good nurses of the county.

We have been invited by a correspondent to give an opinion on the following matter:—

At the recent monthly meeting of the Swansea General Hospital Board of Management, Mr. T. H. Davies moved—(a) That a sub-committee be appointed to consider all applications from candidates for probationer nurses who shall recommend candidates to the House Committee as and when vacancies occur, and that all regulations to the contrary be rescinded. (b) That a register of candidates be kept by the Matron and submitted to the sub-committee and the House Committee when required.

Mr. Davies said that all candidates were at present selected by the Matron, who submitted their names to the House Committee, who, in due course, accepted them, and subsequently the Board of Management formally confirmed the appointments. Recently, a good number of cases had come to his knowledge, in which properly qualified persons had applied to the Matron for positions as probationers, and been refused, one instance being that of the daughter of a highly respected tradesman in the town. Although seen by members of the House Committee and Board of Management, the Matron absolutely refused to alter her decision. The resolution was opposed by Colonel

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