

*Unterm Lazaruskreuz* contains the annual report of the German Nurses' Association. It is certainly satisfactory; the financial position is sound, and the membership has increased, and is now over 3,000—actually 3,116. The B.O.K.D. (as it is called for short) held its first congress at Dresden in October during the Hygienic Exhibition, which was highly successful. The report is a statistical model—as to the health conditions, the causes of death, and the amount of illness of the various members; whilst the most minute account is given of the office work, the various members who have been employed, the number of letters, postcards, &c., sent and received—*i.e.*, 17,121 letters, 4,062 postcards, 582 pamphlets and printed matter, 110 telegrams, and 78 parcels were received, whilst 15,240 letters, 1,267 postcards, 9,523 printed forms, 30 telegrams, and 121 parcels were sent, exclusive of the paper, which now has a circulation of 4,000, and shows a profit of about £100 during the year. Our German sisters are certainly thorough and industrious. The report contains short, clear, and graphic reports of the various meetings held on behalf of the movement; of sympathizers who have died, notably Colonel Galli, Charlottenburg, who has been a staunch friend; details regarding members, of interest to the Association, with a most minute and really interesting financial statement. Altogether a perfect model of what such a report should be.

### WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY AID.

The inspection of the Nursing Division of the Blackpool St. John Ambulance Association, which is now known as the Women's Voluntary Aid Detachment Association, took place recently, the inspector being Sir James Barr, of Liverpool, president of the British Medical Association. There were 34 members on parade, including Mrs. Orme, the commandant, formerly the superintendent of the Nursing Division, Dr. Molloy, and Dr. Crane.

At the close of the inspection Sir James congratulated Mrs. Orme and the doctors on the smart appearance of the ladies and on the great efficiency shown by them in their application of triangular and roller bandaging. The treatment of a fractured thigh and the removal of the patient to bed particularly pleased him.

The Blackpool Women's Voluntary Aid Company, observed Sir James, compared very favourably with any company he had previously inspected. The company would now be registered at the War Office, and certificates and badges forwarded to the members.

### THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

#### THE MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.

It is difficult to imagine any surroundings more calculated to mitigate the sufferings and alleviate the remaining days of the victims of the terrible scourge of cancer than the treatment and surroundings of the patients in the cancer wing of the Middlesex Hospital, of which the new buildings were opened by the Queen last week. For the patients in these wards are not received for a few short weeks and then sent home again. If necessary they remain until "Death the Consoler" has healed them for ever and ever.

For a number of years the Middlesex Hospital has had a cancer wing, and the addition opened by the Queen is known as the Barnato-Joel Charity. It will be remembered that the late Mr. Harry Barnato left the sum of £250,000 to be applied by his trustees to the foundation of a hospital, or kindred institution, in memory of his brother, Mr. Barney Barnato, and his nephew, Mr. Woolf Joel. Through the good offices of the late Prince Francis of Teck this sum was devoted to further the cancer research work at the Middlesex Hospital, and the new wing, opened by the Queen with a golden key, contains 43 beds for patients, a Home for 59 nurses and 23 servants, an out-patient department, an electrical department, where massage is also given and taught, and an operating theatre of the most sumptuous description, designed on the very latest principles, and fitted and furnished with the most modern appliances.

Her Majesty was received at the entrance of the hospital by the president, the Duke of Northumberland, Princess Alexander of Teck, the Secretary Superintendent, Mr. F. Clare Melhado, the Matron, Miss Lloyd Still, and the Resident Medical Officer, Dr. Sheppard, and at the entrance of the buildings of the Barnato-Joel Charity by Prince Alexander of Teck, Chairman of the Trustees, and his co-trustees. The Queen gave very great pleasure by speaking to the majority of the patients.

The wards are probably the most beautiful in London. Tiled throughout with white tiles, with lines of green, flooded with light, spacious, and airy, they are ideal places in which to be ill, and the atmosphere is one not of despondency, but of hope and peace. Until science shows the way by which the scourge of cancer may be banished from our midst they must prove a very haven of rest and comfort to the sufferers from this dire disease. One ward is dedicated to Queen Mary, the other to

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