

finished. She may possibly meet the mother at the dispensary if an operation is found necessary for nose and throat conditions and the mother is timid. Nor does she stop there. She feels that when the child has had his tonsils and adenoids removed that he must be sent to the country or some place where he can get fresh air and nourishment to get him back to normal condition of health.

Children with defective vision are examined at the hospital dispensary and a prescription given by a qualified oculist; and the Board of Education, on the recommendation of the Department of Medical Inspection, provides the glasses for the poor.

Where relief is required for the family, in the form of clothing, the School Board has provided centres in different sections of the city where clothes are given out on the order of the Truant Officer or the nurses. The supply is kept up by donations or is purchased by the Board of Education.

When the nurse has finished the class-room inspections, referred all cases for diagnosis to the Medical Inspectors, and treated or instructed any necessary cases, she receives a list of those absent, on account of illness, from the teacher. These she visits at the homes to ascertain the return of their illness. If it is a case of suspected scarlet fever, measles, or diphtheria, she reports it to the Medical Inspector, who visits at once and makes the diagnosis where a Physician has not been called in. If the case proves a positive infection, it is reported at once to the Health Authorities; if not, the child is allowed to return to school when able.

It is during these home visits that the nurse has such splendid opportunity for constructive work. She may find that the whole home is disorganized because the father cannot get work, or she may find one or both parents addicted to drink. There may be illness in the home, or there may be only one parent and that one struggling for a living for the family. No one in the family knows which way to turn to get the help that is temporarily needed. Many a whole family has been saved by the friendly advice and assistance of a nurse who cares, and the nurses feel that their opportunities and privileges are great.

(To be concluded.)

The authorities of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, are concerned as to the disappearance of Miss Margaret Dale Scott, who has now been missing from the Hospital for a fortnight. So far all enquiries have failed to discover her whereabouts.

TERRITORIAL NURSES AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

The Reception given by the Lady Mayoress, President of the Territorial Force Nursing Service of the City and County of London, to the members of the Service, on Thursday evening, October 31st, was a most delightful function, which no one present would willingly have missed.

The guests, who were received by the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, included Major-General Bethune, Director-General of Territorial Forces; Surgeon-General Keogh, Sir George Wyatt Truscott, Colonel Hyslop, Sir Robert and Lady Perks, Sir Alfred and Lady Codrington, Lady Beachcroft, Mrs. George Byron, Lady Wynne, the Hon. Mrs. Charles Tufton, Miss E. S. Haldane, LL.D., Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Davies and Miss Barton, Principal Matrons, Miss Finch, Miss Amy Hughes, Miss Cutler, Miss Pearse, Miss Riddell, Miss Bird, Miss C. Todd, Miss M. C. Goodhue, and many others, including a large number of members of the Service in indoor uniform, many wearing its distinctive cape and cap. These were very trim and smart as well as decidedly becoming.

The Lady Mayoress was a most genial and charming hostess, making all her guests feel at home, and diffusing an atmosphere of enjoyment which was irresistibly contagious. And, indeed, who except "the man that hath no music in himself, and is not moved by concord of sweet sounds," could fail to enjoy the instrumental music of Mr. W. Atwood's band, or the charming singing of Miss Marie H  la and other artistes, who responded most generously to repeated encores? The clever whistling solos of Miss Belle Castle Smith and the amusing musical sketches of Mr. Cyril Broxholm all combined to provide a programme of the highest musical merit. The Egyptian Hall is exceptionally good for sound, and the wonderful gold plate of the Corporation came in for much admiration.

On occasions such as this friends meet who have not seen each other for years, and there was an animated and constant hum of conversation over the tea and coffee, which were specially welcome to those members of the Service who had hurried straight off duty in order to be present. The Lord Mayor proved a most kind host, personally looking after the comfort and pleasure of his guests, and, as they departed, on all sides were heard expressions of pleasure at the enjoyment the evening had afforded them.

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