

Todd, Colonel Hislop, Colonel Broome Giles, Colonel Harrison, Colonel Harper, and many other matrons and guests, a very happy company, who thoroughly enjoyed the thoughtful hospitality of the Lord Chancellor and Miss Haldane.

Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute is reported to be negotiating with the great friendly societies with a view to securing a basis of payment of nurses' services under the medical benefit sections of the Insurance Act. The leading friendly societies have made an offer of so much per member to meet the cost of nursing, but the amount of this capitation fee is so small as to be nearly nominal; but if paid in respect of each insured person it should mean substantial remuneration for those nurses who will have to work under the Act. Two things must be kept in sight—only trained and efficient nurses should be employed, as they are to be subsidised by the State; and they should be well-paid for their work. Trained nurses are the only class to be employed to look after the insured sick—who have no State protection—they must not therefore be State exploited.

Sir Edward Wood, Chairman of the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, speaking at the Annual Meeting, said that the retirement of their valued Lady Superintendent, Miss Rogers, had caused the Board very considerable anxiety. Miss Rogers had trained there 33 years ago, and had had the confidence of every succeeding Board. The work of her life had been her work at the Leicester Infirmary. As the result of her training of the nurses the Leicester Infirmary had attained a very high position in the nursing world. Many of the nurses and Sisters trained there were now enjoying important positions as Lady Superintendents in other hospitals, and wherever the name of Miss Rogers was mentioned in the nursing world it was always received with profound respect.

In the case of a public servant like Miss Rogers, who had done so much for the institution, it was felt that some public acknowledgment should be paid to her, but Miss Rogers had firmly declined to accept anything of the kind. Some members of the Board and a few private friends had, however, warmly responded, within a few days, to a letter suggesting a private gift. Sir Edward Wood said that he thought the public would like to know that although the Board were prevented, in accordance with Miss Rogers' wish, from making any public appeal for help in this direction, her

private friends, mostly members of the Board, felt they could not allow Miss Rogers to go without providing in some way for her future.

Miss Margaret Carrington, of New York City, says the *Standard*, has started a novel career for trained nurses—that of invalid motor chauffeur. Six months ago Miss Carrington, who is herself a trained nurse, recognised the superiority of the motor car over the carriage for invalid outings. She designed a specially smooth-running car, in which an invalid chair could be wheeled without any discomfort to the occupant, fitted it with a medicine chest, and started her career as invalid chauffeur. Her clients increased so rapidly that she has now six cars, run by competent trained nurses, in constant use. She is also training a staff of nurses who wish to emulate her example in other cities of America.

Our friend and ally, Mutsu Hito, Emperor of Japan, has passed away. It is reported that during his illness the Empress was unremitting in her attendance, and that all the sick room nursing was performed by ladies-in-waiting dressed in foreign white linen. It had been urged that foreign trained nurses should be employed, but it was found that the ladies-in-waiting, all of whom had gained practical experience in the war with Russia, were most efficient. Japanese women, so gentle and deft by nature, make dear little nurses, and possess charming graces we Western women might well emulate in the sick room.

The administration of subcutaneous injections, authorised by the Empress and Crown Prince, was a quite unprecedented step, as the person of the Mikado is regarded as semi-divine.

A MISLEADING ADVERTISEMENT.

We notice that the Nurses' Insurance Society in connection with the Nurses' Pension Fund continues to advertise that "it is the only Approved Society open to none but Women Nurses." We call the Secretary's, Mr. L. Dick's, attention to this misstatement, and hope that he, or the Matrons associated with the scheme, will have it corrected forthwith. Mr. Dick is fully aware that the Trained Women Nurses' Friendly Society has been approved by the National Insurance Commission, and also, as his Society insures midwives, who are not nurses, and sick attendants who are not trained, to state that "none but women nurses" are admitted is not a fact.

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