

THE ISLA STEWART ORATION.

The Treasurer of the National Council of Trained Nurses gratefully acknowledges a donation from Miss E. L. C. Eden of £2; and one of £1 from Miss Cox-Davies towards the expenses of the Isla Stewart Oration.

THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.**THE SCHOOL NURSES.**

Before July last year school nurses in the London County Council service were given the same holidays as those of the teachers. The holidays were then reduced, but it has now been decided that as the schools are not open there is no advantage in treating nurses any less favourably than the school teachers, and the earlier arrangement is to be reverted to. It is further stated that when the schools are in session the nurses have to perform overtime duty of nearly an hour on five nights in the week.

The London County Council has approved the preparation of plans for the sub-division of the wards at Banstead Asylum at a cost of £50,000. Drastic alterations appear to have become urgent at this Asylum, for the Asylums Committee stated that the day-room often had to contain as many as 180 patients, a larger number than could be effectively controlled. Patients after improving to convalescence in smaller wards quickly showed signs of relapse after removal, as was unfortunately necessary, to the large wards.

THE METROPOLITAN ASYLUMS BOARD.

The Metropolitan Asylums Board on Saturday considered an elaborate report by the Law and Parliamentary Committee as to the share to be taken by the Board in the work of providing for the treatment of tuberculosis in London. Allusion was made, naturally, to the extraordinary oversight by which, when Poor Law authorities were ruled out from participating in the administration of the Insurance Act, the unique position of the Metropolitan Asylums Board was overlooked, and a clause had to be included in the Amending Act of 1913 giving the Board power to co-operate with other authorities dealing with the problem of tuberculosis. The Board passed resolutions expressing willingness to enter into agreements with the London County Council and Insurance Committee for the provision of residential institutional accommodation for insured persons and their dependants, and for uninsured persons, to provide one or two new sanatoriums for early adult cases and to urge upon the Local Government Board further co-ordination of Poor Law administration so that additional beds, and possibly whole institutions, might be set free for tuberculosis treatment. The question of purchasing the Mount Vernon Hospital, Hampstead, was referred to a committee.

REFLECTIONS**FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.**

At a meeting of Governors and General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, held on the 12th inst., it was announced that under the will of the late Sir Julius Wernher, a legacy, making in all £465,000, would come to the Fund. It was reported that the amount received by the Fund, after paying expenses, was £150,692, and £151,000 was to be distributed amongst hospitals, convalescent homes, and consumption sanatoria.

The Red Cross and National Health Service Exhibition was opened in the Music Hall, Aberdeen, on Tuesday, and promises to be a great success. There should be a very brisk sale at the Stall of Christmas Gifts made by invalids. The Historic Section of portraits and prints of eminent nurses and doctors who have been instrumental in promoting the cause of public health in bygone days is of special interest.

The Liverpool Insurance Committee has decided to submit to the Insurance Commissioners an important scheme for the treatment of all classes of tuberculosis in the city. The committee estimate that an income of £40,000 would be necessary, made up as follows: Insurance committee, £10,000; city council, £15,000; Government subsidy, £15,000. As the city council already votes £7,500 a year for the treatment of tuberculosis, the increase of the municipal grant will only involve a half-penny rate. Most of the hospital beds for adults will be provided by an extension of the Fazakerley Hospital; and for children with tuberculosis of the joints, a sanatorium is being erected on the Leasowe embankment on the Cheshire side of the Mersey. The hospitals are to be supplemented by dispensaries.

MEDALS FOR WOMEN'S CONVOY CORPS.

At the headquarters of the Women's Convoy Corps, 39, Great Smith Street, Westminster, recently, M. Nadjaroff, the Bulgarian Minister, presented medals to the members of the corps who went out to Kirk Kilisse and formed a hospital during the recent war. As Commandant-in-Chief of the Women's Convoy Corps, Mrs. St. Clair Stobart made arrangements for 16 members of the corps to proceed to Bulgaria and undertake the improvisation and working of a hospital.

The following were present to receive their medals:—Miss Patty Gadsden (Sister A.N.R.S.), Sister Richardson, Miss Greg, Miss Hodge, Mrs. Godfrey, Miss Skinner, and Miss Edmonds. Dr. Dorothea Tudor, Dr. E. Jessie Ramsbotham, Dr. Alice Hutchison, Sister V. E. C. Adams, Sister Montgomery, Nurse Morgan, the Hon. Mildred Gibbs, and Miss Counsell were unavoidably absent.

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