

### THE MINOR AILMENT CENTRE, HAMMERSMITH.

The work of district nurses is constantly increasing and, as that of the nursing staff at Carnforth Lodge, Hammersmith, now includes the care of the minor ailments of school children I availed myself of the kind permission of Miss Crowther, who is acting as Superintendent during the interregnum between the departure of Miss Curtis—whose quarter of a century of work has been so fraught with good for the sick poor of Hammersmith and Fulham—and

that the residents in the almshouses at Brook Green contributed 2d. each.

Miss Eyres, who for so long has lived with Miss Curtis, was also presented with an *en tous cas* and a carriage clock, gifts which took her completely by surprise. The presentation was made by Dr. Menzies.

Miss Curtis, in a most happy speech, in thanking the subscribers said that the Association owed its foundation to three members of the Charity Organization Society. It began with the establishment of two nurses in lodgings in Agate Road, then a house was taken in the Grove, and later the nursing staff moved to their present quarters at Carnforth Lodge.



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the advent of Miss Rogers who is coming from Sunderland, to see something of this new department.

Before I tell something of the "minor ailments" let me say that on Friday June 20th Miss Curtis was entertained to tea in the garden, and presented by Sir William Bull, M.P. a staunch friend of the Hammersmith and Fulham Nursing Association from its foundation, on behalf of the subscribers, with a most charming silver coffee pot and cream jug with brown wood handles, in a case, and a cheque for over 50 guineas. It is interesting to know that the subscriptions averaged 1s. 6d., and

Miss Curtis also referred in terms of warm appreciation to the good work of the nurses who had worked under her, and the kind help given by numberless people. In all 116 nurses had passed through her hands.

The organization of the minor ailment centre was Miss Curtis' last bit of work as Superintendent, and it is characteristic of her that she was just as keen and thorough about it as if she were going to supervise and develop it.

Our illustration gives an excellent idea of the minor ailment work, the children attend chiefly out of school hours from 4.15 p.m. to 6 p.m. blepharitis, eczema, ear and nose troubles, a

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