

were received by Miss Cave at the entrance to the drawing-room, into which they passed. Miss G. Mason, of Covent Garden renown, who has had the honour of appearing before Their Majesties the King and Queen, generously gave her services, and charmed those present with her delightful music. Among others who greatly contributed to the afternoon's enjoyment were Miss Lidbetter (vocalist), Miss Cartledge (accompanist), and Mr. P. Hemming (baritone), R.A.M. Dainty refreshments were served in the dining-room. The guests were evidently delighted with their reception, and many good wishes were expressed for Miss Cave and the future of her club.

The Nurses' Choral and Social League are holding an Evening Dance, at 5, Addison Road, Kensington (by kind permission of Mrs. Townsend Green), on Thursday, January 29th, from 8—12 o'clock. Nurses will attend in uniform or fancy dress, and others in evening dress. Members of the League are admitted free, and tickets may be obtained from the President, Mrs. Carreg-McCowan, 50, Queen's Gate, S.W., at the following rates:—Hon. Members, 3s. 6d.; former members, 1s. 6d.; Trained Nurses, 2s. 6d. A prize will be given for the best fancy dress, the cost of which does not exceed 2s. 6d. All nurses are welcome to join the League, the object of which is to draw together all trained nurses and their friends, to form classes of different kinds for mutual improvement and social intercourse.

The daily Press has been interviewing the hospital matrons on the question of uniform abuse. The new Matron of Middlesex thinks there is nothing to be done "except for nurses to avoid wearing their uniform whenever they can do so."

Mr. J. Munday, of Cardiff, suggests that trained nurses should wear a hood similar to those worn by graduates of universities, specially designed and registered, of a uniform colour, and wear letters and numbers designating their hospital, which it should be penal to imitate.

The best suggestion is made by Mr. F. Bayly Pike. He writes:—"For several years I paid 15s. tax for a manservant in livery, and would suggest that anyone employing a woman servant in nurses' uniform be required to pay a similar tax. Duly qualified nurses would, of course, be exempt."

An incident which occurred at the nurses' fancy dress dance at the Royal Infirmary,

Manchester, on New Year's Eve, and which ended in the temporary suspension of three doctors, cannot but be regarded with some sympathy by those not concerned with the duty of enforcing discipline.

It appears that the dance is an annual affair, and that men are rigidly excluded, the reason, we presume, being that so many of the nurses personate male characters. Otherwise it would seem quite innocent for members of the medical staff to share in the festivities, at which the Matron and other officials are present. Be that as it may, when a Teddy bear, with his leader in yellow satin, and a courtier in blue, presented themselves in the ballroom, no one guessed that the Adamless Eden had been successfully invaded. But, after a time, the fact began to be whispered, and the conspirators, warned of the danger of detection, strolled towards the door, only to find it locked.

The agile Teddy bear with his leader escaped through a window, and eventually the courtier followed. Next morning they were invited to report themselves to the Superintendent. This they failed to do, but went to the infirmary authorities, and revealed their identity. After a pleasant interlude in the Lake District, they appeared before the Board and were duly admonished.

At the Red Cross and National Health Service Exhibition in Aberdeen in December the following prizes were awarded in the competitions for trained nurses only.

For the best set of padded splints, first prize, Mrs. Gray, Aberdeen. For the best bill of fare for a convalescent tuberculosis patient, first prize, Miss Packard, of Salisbury, who also obtained two other first prizes, one for the best bill of fare, when the wages are £1, the other for the best improvised carrying chair.

The Exhibition was an unqualified success, over 16,000 people visiting it. Demonstrations of Baby Washing and the Incubator were a source of much interest, and a special section devoted to School Hygiene, and containing eye, dental, and throat clinics was much appreciated, and fully brought out the value of medical inspection in the schools. Practical demonstrations were also given daily of cooking, laundry work, tailoring and shoe making, as well as physical exercises by the school children, scouts, boys' brigades, and different organizations doing health work in the city and adjacent counties. The Red Cross work was specially interesting, because it brought out very strongly the fact that it could be made a big peace movement, and more, a valuable health movement, if the members of the Volun-

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