

At the conclusion of the service the hymn, "O Perfect Love," was sung. Afterwards a reception was held at 26, Dalmeny Avenue, N., where some of the beautiful presents, numbering over 100, were on view, several cheques being included. At 4.30 the newly-married couple left amid showers of rice and confetti for the English Lakes, where the honeymoon will be spent. The bride's going-away costume was a grey coat and skirt, with collar and sash of chené silk.

The wedding of Miss Daisy Humphrey to Mr. Sidney Oliver took place last Saturday at Emmanuel Church, West End, Hampstead. The service was fully choral, and the beautiful hymn, "God be with them while they stand," was sung as the bridal procession moved up the aisle. The bride, who was attended by her bridesmaids, looked charming in a becoming dress of white satin, with Court train, and wore orange blossom with white veil, and carried a bouquet of white flowers. The bridesmaids Miss E. Edwards and Miss E. M. Lusted of the R.N.S. (old friends of the bride) wore pink satin dresses trimmed with lace, with black belts and black hats trimmed with pink roses, and carried bouquets of pink sweet peas. After the signing of the marriage register, Mendelssohn's Wedding March being played, the bridal couple left the church, two charming children strewing flowers before them.

A reception was afterwards held at the Town Hall, where many of the beautiful presents were on view, and where the bride and bridegroom received the congratulations of their many friends. At 5.30 the happy couple left for Brighton en route for the Continent. The bride's going-away dress was of royal blue, with black hat and black feather boa.

THE TRAINED WOMEN NURSES' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The attention of members of the Trained Women Nurses' Friendly Society is drawn to the fact that, in accordance with directions issued by the National Health Insurance Commissioners, all stamped Contribution Cards and Insurance Books should be sent in to the Secretary *not later than July 18th*. Arrears will be calculated as from October 12th, 1913. Members, whose current cards are not sent in, will be credited with twenty-five weeks' arrears until the stamped card is received.

QUESTION IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

In reply to a question in the House of Commons, on Tuesday, June 23rd, from Mr. King, the President of the Local Government Board replied: There are no statistics at present available showing the number of trained nurses in the United Kingdom . . . The number of nurses in Poor Law institutions in England and Wales is, approximately, 9,000 and the total number of names on the Roll of Midwives for 1913 is 35,513.

If there were a State Register of Trained Nurses their number could be furnished as readily and accurately as the number of midwives on the Midwives Roll.

AN IDEAL NURSES' HOME.

A new Nurses' Home, to be known in future as Queen Alexandra Nurses' Home, was opened on June 17th, at Alton, by Her Majesty, Queen Amelie of Portugal. There is no need to dwell on the aims and objects of the Cripples' Hospital and College, at Alton, which is now a national institution—indeed, the largest hospital in the United Kingdom for the treatment of tuberculous bone and joint disease; and the satisfactory results accruing from the treatment given in the wards, and from the training in the College, must rejoice and gladden the heart of the generous founder.

The number of applicants for admission to the hospital has of late greatly increased; and it has, in consequence, become necessary to increase the nursing staff; hence the *raison d'être* of the new Nurses' Home. Sir William Treloar's generosity and kindness of heart does not begin and end with his interest in the welfare of the sick and crippled inmates of the hospital that bears his name.

He believes that health, happiness and innocent pleasures are necessary ingredients in the lives of all—and in order to carry this principle into practice, has built for his nursing staff an Ideal Nurses' Home.

A special train from Waterloo conveyed a number of distinguished guests to Alton.

An excited crowd from the adjacent villages lined the road from the station to the gates of the grounds surrounding the hospital buildings.

On alighting from the train, Queen Amelie was presented with a bouquet of mauve orchids by Miss Dunn, daughter of Colonel Sir William Henry Dunn.

The Queen then walked across the grounds to the recreation hall in the new Home, where the opening ceremony was to take place.

After prayers had been offered for a blessing on the work carried on by the nurses, a golden key was presented to the Queen, who pronounced the Queen Alexandra Nurses' Home opened.

She then presented medals to the senior and junior probationers who had come out first in their examinations, and also bestowed rewards on the servants who had been in the service of the hospital for five years. Nurse Hubble won the Gold Medal, Nurse Crosse the Bronze Medal, and Nurse Horstead head of the list in the Junior Probationers' examination received a prize of books.

Queen Amelie was then asked to accept a leather bag made by the boys in the Training College; she smilingly consented to do so, and also to receive a similar bag for Queen Alexandra.

Sir William Treloar proposed a vote of thanks to the Queen for her kindness in coming to open the Home; and in a happy speech which caused much laughter, he gave his views on the amusements and pastimes he considered might be permitted in the fine Recreation Hall designed by him. This was seconded by the Marquess of Winchester.

Queen Alexandra Nurses' Home is a picturesque one-storied building; the Recreation Hall, with

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