

NURSING ECHOES.

Alexandra Day will be celebrated in London on June 21st, and in 300 provincial towns. The hospitals need all they can get in these hard times. In 1915 the sum of £100,000 was raised by Alexandra Day methods for hospitals, convalescent homes, and kindred institutions, and of this sum £33,000 was allocated to London charities, the distribution being approved by Her Majesty.

We have to thank Miss Clara Lee, always sympathetic and generous, for 10s. as an Easter offering for the nurse who has nearly lost her sight, whose sad case we brought to the notice of the readers of this JOURNAL last week. Nurse N. has only 10s. a week for all her needs, so that if we could raise only £13 we could send her 5s. a week, which would be a great help. Do not let us forget that food is now very costly, and that "some days she could eat more than she can afford." We have sent on Miss Lee's 10s. to last till 15th May; perhaps by that time others in happier circumstances than Nurse N. will have been able to help. We want £13—not a very lordly sum in these days, when thousands and thousands of public money are wasted by mismanagement over which we women have no control.

A Course of Lectures on the Care of the School Child, commencing on Wednesday, May 3rd, will be given, under the auspices of the National League for Physical Education and Improvement, at the London Day Training College, Southampton Row, W.C., at 5.30 p.m. The Syllabus is as follows:—*May 3rd.* Introductory Lecture, by Cyril Cobb, Esq., Chairman of the Central Children's Care Subcommittee of the Education Committee, L.C.C. *May 10th.* The Physical Development of the School Child, by Reginald E. Roper, Esq., M.A., Master of Physical Education, Bedale's School, Petersfield. *May 17th.* General Personal Hygiene, by James Wheatley, Esq., M.D., County Medical Officer of Health for Shropshire. *May 24th.* The Care of the Eyes, by James Kerr, Esq., M.D., Medical Research Officer to the L.C.C. *May 31st.* The Mental Hygiene of the School Child, by F. C. Shrubsall, Esq., M.D., Assistant Medical Officer, L.C.C. *June 7th.* The Care of the Teeth, by R. Denison Pedley, Esq., F.R.C.S., President of the School Dentists' Society. *June 14th.* Malnutrition, by C. J. Thomas, Esq., M.B., Assistant Medical Officer, L.C.C. *June 21st.* The Care of the Nose, Throat, and

Ears, and the Common Minor Ailments of Children, by Eric Pritchard, Esq., M.D., Physician to the Queen's Hospital for Children. *June 28th.* The Tuberculous Child, by J. Edward Squire, Esq., C.B., F.R.C.P., Physician to the Mount Vernon Hospital for Consumption. *July 5th.* The Cripple Child, by R. C. Elmslie, Esq., F.R.C.S., Medical Officer, Cripples' Schools, L.C.C. *July 12th.* Infection in and out of School, by W. J. Howarth, Esq., M.D., Medical Officer of Health for the City of London. *July 19th.* After-Care: The Special Needs of the Adolescent Boy and Girl, by Reginald Bray, Esq., Chairman of the London Juvenile Advisory Committee. The fees for the whole course are 5s., or 1s. a lecture. Application forms can be obtained from the Secretary, National League for Physical Education and Improvement, 4, Tavistock Square, W.C. Early application is advisable, as the space is limited. It is evident that there will be much to interest school nurses in these lectures, and at the close an examination will be held and certificates awarded.

The following statement appears in the organ of the Nurses' Missionary League, *Nurses Near and Far*, in discussing the treatment of native patients in Uganda by "606":—

"The patients in the Roosevelt Block are all suffering from loathsome sores; sometimes they come in covered from head to foot with these sores, looking hideous spectacles, and after treatment they go out, quite cured, with their skins quite clear. The very bad cases have the drug '606' injected into them, and it is wonderful how in a few days the sores begin to heal, and in three weeks' time they look quite different creatures. Take one instance. A man had been in for five months, and was getting no better; he was injected with '606,' and went out cured in one month. Were it not that these beds were supported, it would be impossible to give so expensive a drug. . . . The work in this block is most encouraging from two points of view; firstly, the patients are mostly very poor people, and despised on account of the loathsomeness of their diseases, and so they readily respond to kindness and are willing to listen to the Gospel teaching; secondly, we see such wonderful results from the medical and surgical treatment carried out."

In a preceding paragraph a missionary in the Belgian Congo says:—"Here we deal with natives who have become contaminated, as it were, through contact with 'civilization.' It is sad to relate, but the women come to me at

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