

and on which is inscribed:—"Of your Charity pray for the soul of Catherine McAllister, killed in the Irish Mail Disaster, August 14th, 1915. Erected by the Staff of Kingston Infirmary and other Friends. R.I.P."

The tragic death of Sister McAllister, who was Assistant Matron at the Infirmary, is still keenly felt by her colleagues, by whom she was held in very sincere affection. Thirty-two members of the nursing staff are serving King and Country at home or abroad, and since June, 1915, the Infirmary has been used as an auxiliary to the Royal Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, and the County of London War Hospital, Epsom, and the patients have evidently a very good time.

Several members of the League have married, and little sons and daughters have added to their happiness.

The General Meeting takes place on the 24th May, Wednesday in this week.

THE MASSAGE REGISTER.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL DECISION CONTESTED.

At Bow Street Police Court last Saturday Mr. Graham Campbell again had before him a summons against the London County Council to show cause why they should not register a massage establishment kept by Mrs. Henrietta Louisa Mary Dale, trading in the name of Mrs. Wiseman, at the St. James's Electric and Light Baths, York Street, St. James's Square. The case was the first of its kind under the new Act.

It was stated that the Council refused registration last January on the ground that there was reason to believe that the premises were being used for immoral purposes. For the appellant it was urged that she was a certificated masseuse, and that the great majority of her patients were recommended to her by medical men.

Miss Gertrude Marsh, assistant manageress of the establishment, gave evidence that nothing improper was allowed to go on.

Miss Ellen Myer, a qualified masseuse, said that she had been engaged at this establishment for about two years. It was conducted on genuine lines, or she would not have stayed there.

Two nurses, who had been engaged by the appellant and left because of the conduct of some of the patients, gave evidence for the Council. One said that she left at the end of a week. When the witness spoke to the proprietress about a certain incident that had occurred in one of the bathrooms, she appeared to be quite indifferent. Another witness said that the nurses had nicknames for some of the regular patients, such as "Funny Socks," "Goaty Beard," and "£5 Man," so-called because he was in the habit of giving £5 "tips."

The case was adjourned for the magistrate to view the premises.

THE WEST END HOSPITAL.

WORK FOR WARRIORS AND CHILDREN.

The West End Hospital for Diseases of the Nervous System, Paralysis and Epilepsy, 73, Welbeck Street, W., is doing excellent work in a very small space; indeed, before the war, so urgent was the need for increased room that a rebuilding scheme on a larger area was under contemplation. That has now been postponed; nevertheless the hospital has placed 30 beds at the disposal of the War Office, for nerve cases, which it is exceptionally well fitted to care for, and yet has not cut down the accommodation for civilians, which is available to the same extent as before the war. It has, however, 40 beds in a house in Bulstrode Street, 20 for soldiers and 20 for children, in addition to the 42 in the hospital, 16 for men, 8 for women, and 14 for children, and 4 for paying women patients.

AN ATMOSPHERE OF HOPE.

The Children's Ward is a sad place if one considers that nearly all of the little patients are severely paralysed from the waist downwards. Yet there is little sadness on the surface; for all the children, from the pet of the ward who imperiously commanded the King, when he recently visited the hospital, to pick up a fallen toy, to the latest admission, seem happy enough; and when one considers that they are receiving the most skilled treatment and nursing care, and that excellent results are obtained in many instances, one realises that the atmosphere is one of hopefulness for the children, handicapped thus early in the battle of life.

Our illustration shows some of the children on the balcony, on which, as the summer comes on, those who are able spend their time in the open air.

THE HEROES.

In the entrance hall of the hospital are portraits in oils of Major-General Edward William De Lancy Lowe, C.B., a brave hero of Lucknow, one of the defenders of the Residency during that never-to-be-forgotten episode of the Indian Mutiny, and his widow, Mrs. Louisa Russell Lowe, who left to the hospital, as her residuary legatee, the sum of £35,000 in his memory, in 1908. It is said that the lady was married four times, and certainly she is lovely enough to charm the susceptible sex. She is depicted in a velvet dress and lace fichu gracefully draped with a mauve scarf; on her soft brown hair is a band of velvet, with a rose at the side, and she is wearing a pearl pendant.

On the opposite side of the hall is a memorial tablet to another friend of the hospital, Lieutenant-Colonel Sir W. Lennox Napier, Bart., Chairman of the hospital from 1901-1905, who was killed at the Dardanelles on August 13th, 1915, while acting Major in the 4th South Wales Borderers.

The present Chairman, who is a King's Messenger, the Treasurer, and the majority of the medical staff are amongst those connected with

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