

claims of Sisters Clarke and Brown, one of whom belonged to each side, were also ruled on without prejudice, but the claims of a dozen of the regular nursing staff were disallowed.

A contemporary says:—"If the service franchise does not apply to nurses, it is difficult to see to whom it would apply, and it is to be hoped that nurses in hospitals and institutions, if refused their vote by the local authority, will appeal to the county court."

It is stated that Lady Rhondda has definitely decided to claim a seat in the House of Lords as a peeress in her own right.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF CIVICS AND EUGENICS, 1918.

The above school, held in Oxford during the last fortnight in August, proved of the greatest interest to those few members of the nursing and midwifery professions able to attend, among them Miss Olive Haydon (lately Sister Olive of York Road), Miss Palmer (Senior Health Visitor for Brighton), Miss Tipper (Organiser for the National Council for Combating Venereal Disease), and several members of the National Union of Trained Nurses.

Beside the lectures, a considerable number of discussions—more or less informal—were held, on such subjects as "The Problem of the Unmarried Mother and Her Child," "Police Women and Women Patrols as regards Prostitution," "Treatment for Habitual Criminals," together with countless smaller discussions held on every opportunity by the "workers" themselves on their own particular subjects. And, as one nurse student remarked, "No matter what subject is under discussion, nursing seems to come into it; one can always either give some special piece of information required, or get information oneself on some point that has puzzled one in dealing with social problems."

Certainly, one seldom has the opportunity of meeting so many intelligent and keen workers—all interested in the same great subject, namely, "The Betterment of the Race and how to obtain it." If one must select subjects which were of special interest to nurses, those on *Venereal Disease* and the great campaign to educate the civilian population; also "*Fatigue and Efficiency*" by Professor Stanley Kent, showing how long hours and insufficient rest affect the output of good work, came home to many a nurse. This subject had previously been dealt with in a "Psychology Lecture," showing a series of most interesting charts and experiments, given by Miss May Smith.

If one may criticise—"The Work of the Oxford

Infant Welfare Association," though most interesting as given by Mrs. Wells, who openly stated she was only an amateur, made some of the professional nurses wish the lecture had been given by a leader on the subject—more especially as Sister Olive was amongst the audience!

Both Sister Olive, who spoke on the great need of an *expert* being in charge of and giving all the *advice* at all centres, and Miss Cancellor, who spoke of the value of the voluntary workers being trained and also encouraged to learn the management of infants, so that the centres could spread knowledge into the nurseries of the educated as well as the poor, made their points, and were asked many questions later by students interested.

Another interesting suggestion was made by Mr. Peake, *i.e.*, that both in the study of regional survey and in the collection of folk-lore, Health Visitors and District Nurses would find a great interest and also be able to collect many interesting facts; he suggested that folk-lore societies would be very pleased to send particulars and forms to any nurses ready to take up this fascinating study.

The School broke up with a delightful impromptu party; with "Story-telling" at its best, by Miss Elizabeth Clark, and lightning sketches of dream-creatures seen after the Biology Lectures, given by another talented student, Professor Laurie, who had given the lectures, joining in the laugh more heartily than anyone.

If the Summer School meets next year, nurses are most strongly advised to take this chance of meeting so many other workers and hearing all the most recent discoveries made on all social progress.

WAR NURSING.

An interesting book on War Nursing by Professor Richet, of the University of Paris, translated by Helen de Vere Beauclerk, is published by Messrs. Heinemann, 21, Bedford Street, London, W.C., price 3s. 6d. It deals with the elementary data of medical physiology, and the subjects discussed are anti-sepsis, anaesthesia, foods, hæmorrhage, fever, and asphyxia. It is primarily intended for Red Cross Workers, and is admirably designed for this purpose.

A WORD TO THE WISE.

Nurses in the Marylebone district will be well advised to pay a visit to the establishment of Messrs. Gayler & Pope, Ltd., at 112-117, High Street, Marylebone, W. 1, where are to be found uniform coats and cloaks and bonnets to suit diverse tastes and purses. The present is an opportune moment for the renewal of uniform, both because the advent of September reminds us that it is time to think about winter garments, and also because prices are certain to mount higher than at present, and the wise are those who provide for their needs forthwith.

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