

ment in this connection. What is required is a highly efficient State Service of Communal Nursing, entirely free from social patronage and charity, for which all classes could insure.

The Sale and Fête arranged by the Sisters' Hospital Aid Association, at the Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, on Thursday, September 2nd, was very successful, despite the weather, which endeavoured to hamper the proceedings.

The splendid band of the N Division of Police, twenty-eight strong, played on the balcony of Alexandra Ward, in which the Sale was held. A family of five black and white kittens was among the goods offered for sale. The company was not so large as it might have been had the sun shone more brightly, but those present bought well, and the eleven stalls were almost cleared of their goods. Refreshments were served in Nurses' dining and sitting rooms. There was a rifle range in the grounds, and the Nurses handled their rifles quite expertly, and made fine scores. A tug-of-war was pulled on damp and slippery ground by Tottenham *v.* Edmonton Police. The weather improved by 5.30, when the children, being eager to carry out their sports programme, it was gone through as quickly as possible. There were flat races, high jumps, long jumps, relay races and tugs-of-war for boys and for girls. A conjuring entertainment and concerts were held in the Out-Patient Waiting Hall in the evening.

An appeal is being made for donations and subscriptions for Queen Mary's Hostel for Nurses at 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. It is the last of the fine war hostels bearing the Queen's name, which proved of such remarkable service to military nurses passing through London during the war. At present, in addition to

members of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Nursing Services, nurses belonging to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute, Colonial Nurses and those working for the Ministry of Pensions are admitted, and as the hospitality offered is absolutely free, even including laundry, it is estimated that £5,000 a year is required if this temporary home is to continue without payment.

The Committee of the Edith Cavell Homes of Rest are anxious to raise £20,000 to £30,000, so that the three freehold homes which have been given to the Fund may be endowed. For this purpose, Edith Cavell



AN EASY WINNER IN THE NURSES' SHOOTING COMPETITION.

Memorial Day is to be held on October 12th, and nurses in uniform are invited to sell violets in the streets in support of the charity. Offers of assistance should be addressed to Mrs. Adair, Edith Cavell Homes for Nurses, 25, Victoria Street, London, S.W. We are informed that there is great need of these Homes, presumably due to the overwork and ill pay of nurses in the past—but there is no doubt that public begging by nurses in uniform in the streets depreciates the status of the whole profession, and inspires young women about to enter upon a career with lack of confidence in the economic stability of

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