

(2) the exercise of healing by spiritual means, in complete loyalty to scientific principles and methods; (3) united prayer for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in all efforts to heal the sick; (4) the cultivation through spiritual means of both individual and corporate health.

This was the burden of the song of the Rev. Harold Anson, chairman of the Guild; his speech was deeply interesting and uplifting. The body needs spiritual and mental healing, he said, as well as physical, to complete a cure. One of the faults of healing is that it is so very materialistic, the world is crying out for someone who understands the spirit. Probably everyone knows—either consciously or subconsciously—that *fear* is a hindering factor in disease, but the speaker laid great stress upon the fact, that it is at once a *dangerous* factor, and a great *cause* of disease; anything that nurses can do to get rid of fear will enormously help in nursing the sick. Continuing, the speaker earnestly impressed upon his hearers the necessity for all who attend the sick to empty their own minds of all negative thoughts. The mind must be attuned to the conditions necessary for healing, namely, good thoughts. From the physiological standpoint, the speech of Dr. A. L. Ash, M.B., B.S., M.R.C.S., was not less interesting; he enumerated the physical effects produced by fear, hatred, malice, jealousy, &c. These bad feelings upset the body, give indigestion, depression, and low blood pressure. Optimism gives the opposite effects. "If," said the doctor, "you also study the subject from the psychological basis, you will end in being idealists." The Chairman and both speakers made a special point of the importance of abandoning *fear*. A discussion was afterwards invited, and very readily responded to. Undoubtedly the subject greatly attracted the audience. There surely could be no doubt whatever in the minds of anyone that it is one of supreme importance.

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NURSING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

In the House of Commons on Wednesday, June 30th, three questions were concerned with Nurses and nursing.

ARMY AND MARINE PENSIONS.

Mr. Campbell asked the Secretary of State for India when the revised scale of pensions for officers of the Indian Army Departments, lady nurses of Queen Alexandra's Military Nursing Service for India, and for officers of the Royal Indian Marine will be issued?

Mr. Montagu replied that the revision of the pensions of the classes referred to is still under consideration, and it is hoped that a decision will be come to shortly.

NURSES (KANTARA, EGYPT).

Major Birchall asked the Secretary of State for War whether there are a number of nurses,

stationed at the 24th Stationary Hospital, Kantara, Egypt, who have been in Egypt for more than three years without leave, and whose contracts have expired; and whether arrangements can be made to bring them home?

Mr. Churchill replied: "I have called for a report, and will write to the hon. Member as soon as it is received."

ST. BRIDGET'S HOME (WEXFORD).

Colonel Ashley asked the Chief Secretary for Ireland whether he is aware that the Wexford County Council have objected to the use of St. Bridget's Home, Wexford, as a nursing home for wounded soldiers; and what steps the Government propose to take to look after the injured Service and ex-Service men in that district?

Sir A. Williamson replied: "I have been asked to reply. My attention has not previously been drawn to this matter, but I have now called for a report."

NURSES AND CHARITY.

The following Resolution was passed unanimously at the Annual Delegates' Conference of the London Constitutional Labour Party:—

"That this Conference protests against the application of Charity to Nurses in Public and State Services, especially to those who have become disabled through the war, and calls upon the State to meet its obligations in this respect and not to place them necessarily in the position of being recipients of Public Charity."

THE SUMMER SALES.

Messrs. G. Cozens & Co., Ltd., Edgware Road, W., took time by the forelock in beginning their Summer Sale on Monday, June 21st. There are bargains to be had in every department—so substantial, indeed, that they are likely to be picked up quickly. Therefore, though the Sale will last until July 10th, we advise our readers to be on the alert, and pay a speedy visit to Messrs. Cozens' establishment if they wish to secure some of the many bargains in costumes, sports coats, millinery, and other departments.

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