

satisfactory to record that in-patients contributed £10,363 towards the expenses.

Pinewood Sanatorium, Wokingham, after having been closed, is now being re-opened for the reception of early cases from the London County Council. This has necessitated an increase of the nursing and domestic staff.

It was announced at the annual meeting of the South London Hospital for Women, Clapham Common, that some friends of the hospital, who wished to remain anonymous, had purchased and presented to the institution the freehold of a large detached house adjoining. They recognised the pressing need for the extension of the present hospital, and their gift will enable thirty additional beds for surgical cases, as well as quarters for the nursing and domestic staffs, to be provided.

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"DAFFADOWNDILLY HAS COME TO THE TOWN."

We heard you calling, calling,
Rooks in the leafless trees,
And tho' the snow was falling,
And April tried to freeze,
We came, oh! dusky brothers,
For such rebuffs too strong;
We're here with countless others,
A green and golden throng.
We deck the well-known places
Our kindred filled before;
And with our sunny faces
England's aglow once more!

C. B. M., April 8th, 1922.

COMING EVENTS.

April 21st.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W. 2.30 p.m.

April 22nd.—The Lady Mayoress (Lady Baddeley) "At Home," to meet the Past and Present Nurses of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. The Mansion House, London. Music 4 to 6 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Whilst cordially inviting communications upon all subjects for these columns, we wish it to be distinctly understood that we do not IN ANY WAY hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

COUNCILLOR KENT GIVES THANKS.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—My hopes and belief that the meeting convened by the Registered Nurses' Parliamentary Council, on Saturday, April 8th, would be well attended were abundantly fulfilled. My only regret was that the Minister of Health was not present; it would have done him good, he would have returned to his work at the Ministry with more wisdom and knowledge than he at present possesses of the Nurses' Registration question, and perhaps his conversion would have been so complete that he would have realised that our scrupulous observance of the law is less "meticulous and ridiculous" than he had believed! I own to a great omission at that meeting, and I so regret it that I should like the fact of it made known in the *B.J.N.* Miss Little, Lady Superintendent of the Hull Association of Trained Nurses, whose speech in seconding the fourth Resolution must have appealed to the audience by its charm and picturesqueness, had with many others made long expensive journeys on purpose to attend the meeting! Such practical proof of enthusiasm in a good cause ought to have been mentioned from the chair, an act of courtesy due to them, and a *very good thing for the audience to know*. Those of us who have the pleasure of knowing Miss Little know her to be one of the "Pillars of the House" among matrons, and a devoted adherent to the cause of State Registration for Trained Nurses. In conclusion, I should like to thank the members of the audience who subscribed so generously to our funds; there were several Treasury notes and plenty of silver and very few coppers in the collection. What does this prove?

Yours, &c.,

BEATRICE KENT,

President Registered
Nurses' Parliamentary
Council.

NURSES SUBMERGED IN THEIR OWN GOVERNING BODY.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—I returned to England ten days ago, after several months' absence, and fully intended calling at an early opportunity at the offices of the General Nursing Council with a view to applying for Registration.

But since my arrival in London I learn with astonishment and indignation that the Registration Rules have been tampered with; that our leader, with her wealth of brains and experience in Nursing

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