

should, if required, be able to see the children at the School Clinics and the Welfare Centres, and the treatment be administered *there*, sooner than have the children to the V.D. Clinic, unless under special conditions.

A resolution was proposed and carried unanimously urging on the Ministry of Health the great need of linking up all the Infant Welfare, School, Orthopædic, and V.D. Clinics.

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NURSING ECHOES.

The Annual Meeting of the Overseas Nursing Association will take place on Wednesday, June 21st, at 3.30, at Kent House, Knightsbridge, S.W.7, by kind permission of Mrs. Saxton Noble.

H.R.H. Princess Beatrice, the Patroness of the Association, will honour the Meeting by being present.

There have been quite a number of calls at the International Office, 431, Oxford Street, W., during last week. First came Miss Mary Staines Foy, R.N., Principal of the School of Nursing, Battle Creek Sanatorium and Hospital, Battle Creek, Mich., U.S.A. Miss Foy has been spending two months touring around, and is gathering up all the information possible of nursing and hospital progress in this country and the Continent before returning to the magnificent institution over the nursing of which she presides. She was naturally keen to see St. Thomas's Hospital—the cradle of Nightingale Nursing.

Then Miss Jean Gunn, Lady Superintendent of the Toronto General Hospital, has done us the good turn of introducing Miss E. Kathleen Russell, Director of the Department of Public Health Nursing in the University of Toronto, who intends to spend the summer in observing work along these lines in Great Britain.

Mrs. Nery, the wife of Dr. Carlos Nery, of Montevideo, Uruguay, who has taken so sympathetic a part in helping nurses to form a National Association of Nurses, is a charming lady, very anxious to learn all the latest news about the International Council, with which our colleagues in Uruguay are most anxious to be affiliated. She showed us a very tasteful Badge, made for the Association by Waterlow & Sons, Ltd.—a white cross on a pale blue enamelled ground, with the letters A.N.N. in a gold circle; on the reverse side, which is silver, a laurel wreath surrounds, with room for the name of the recipient to be inscribed in the centre.

Both Miss Russell and Mrs. Nery attended as honoured guests the Meeting of the Matrons' Council at the R.B.N.A. Club on the 9th inst., and were greatly interested in the valuable reports and charmingly descriptive speeches of Miss H. L. Pearse and Miss Child on the Copenhagen Meeting of the International. It is so refreshing to come into touch with women from overseas.

To quote the *Poor Law Officers' Journal*:—

“Miss Millicent Ashdown has sent a report to the Paddington Guardians, on her examination of the Probationer Nurses, held on 25th and 26th May, as follows:—

Eight second-year Nurses entered for the examination, and with one exception have all obtained the required number of marks to pass. Nurse Cavan is top, with 72/100 marks, which is very good. Seventeen first-year Nurses were examined, and with two exceptions all have passed. Nurse Hughes is top with 83/100 marks, which is excellent; four other Nurses in this section have obtained 70 marks and over, which is a very creditable percentage.

In this examination all the Nurses have been marked in exactly the same way as at the other Hospitals, no allowance having been made as at the previous examination, which was the first one held at the Hospital.

In general appearance the majority were tidy, but several Nurses lost marks from untidy belts, aprons pinned where buttons were off, &c. Three Nurses lost marks from using scent, a most objectionable practice.”

There is something quite novel in the last paragraph: “Three Nurses lost marks from using scent, a most objectionable practice.” Surely sumptuary details are not included in a Nurses' Examination. If so, new terrors will be added to this ordeal. The duty of an examiner is to prove the knowledge and skill of a student, not to criticise her clothes and personal habits. These are matters of personal discipline over which the Matron has jurisdiction, and if a nurse is habitually untidy and pinned together, or uses objectionable perfumes, these points should be considered by the Matron, who should have the right to apportion a certain number of marks towards place in the examination, and certificate, under the following heads: 1, Ward Management; 2, Devotion to Duty; 3, Punctuality; 4, Personal Characteristics.

At the Meeting of the North Lancashire Branch of the National Poor Law Officers'

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