

feature was the Guard of Honour of the Lord Mayor's Own City of London Scouts. The Band of the Honourable Artillery Company, under the direction of Mr. Herbert W. Lock, played delightfully, and the patriotic songs—solos and duets—of Miss Nellie Walker, Mr. Frederick Henry, and Mr. Milton Stanley were very greatly appreciated. "St. George of England," sung by Mr. Henry, being perhaps the most popular of all.

Dancing was enjoyed with much verve and zest in the Egyptian Hall—Waltzes, Fox Trots, One Steps—but the great feature of the evening was, unquestionably, the Minuet, in costume of the Georgian Period—an Exhibition Dance by members of the Nursing Staff of the London Temperance Hospital. One was left wondering why this stately and graceful dance ever went out of fashion. The dresses, also, were charming, the flowered brocades, dainty laces, and powdered hair being most becoming. Refreshments were served in the Long Parlour, and all concerned in the arrangements of the evening are greatly to be congratulated on the enjoyment it gave, and the success it undoubtedly was.

Amongst the important objects of the Royal Society of St. George are: To encourage and strengthen the Spirit of Patriotism amongst all of English birth and race throughout the world, irrespective of creed or party; to revive the recognition and celebration throughout the world of St. George's Day; and to further English interests by every possible means.

Membership is restricted to men and women of English Birth and Race (or their issue), wheresoever born, being British subjects.

Further additions to the remarkable series of sudden resignations and disappearances of nurses from the East Ham Isolation Hospital were reported on Saturday, says the *Weekly Dispatch*.

A sister and a staff nurse have just tendered their notices, while the authorities are still searching for a probationer nurse who disappeared on Thursday night.

Recently, it will be recalled, five nurses ran away from the hospital, and a meeting of the East Ham Borough Council decided by a majority not to order an inquiry.

After the last batch of resignations, over a month ago, staff nurses, probationer nurses, and maids were advertised for. These appointments were filled, but after a week's service the usual month's notice to leave was given by a number of the new nurses.

The affair is causing considerable apprehen-

sion in the vast East End district served by this fever hospital, and it is stated that a town's meeting is to be called, on the requisition of a large number of ratepayers, to request an official inquiry by the Ministry of Health.

"No blame is attached to the Matron" (Miss Boyes), says Councillor Lethaby; "it is merely one of those 'mix-ups' inevitable where there is a large staff of women."

Such "mix-ups" do not occur under efficient administration.

A smoking-room for nurses is to be provided by the Shoreditch Guardians in the St. Leonard's Hospital.

This has been agreed to following a report from the hospital committee that smoking was prohibited by the Matron, but that it had been going on surreptitiously.

A member of the board said that 90 per cent. of the nursing staff smoked, and that one, against whom a complaint had been made, attended before the committee and said that it was impossible for her to give up the habit. He forecast that a rigid prohibition would result in the loss of practically the whole of the staff.

Royal love marriages are quite the order of the day, and physiologists know how all-important it is for the future race of royalties that there should be affinity of parentage and not merely a *mariage de convenance*.

Their Majesties the King and Queen of Italy have consented to the engagement of lovely Princess Yolanda, their eldest daughter, to Conte Calvi di Bergolo, a captain in the Italian Cavalry.

The young Princess has long been interested in her mother's School of English Nursing standards in Rome, the Scuola Convitto Regina Elena, where Miss Dorothy Snell has done such wonders, under very difficult conditions, in the training of Italian girls as nurses, and has paid it many visits. The Princess has also attended lectures at the hospital of the Blue Cross Sisters, organised by the well-known Miss Grace Baxter, an English lady who was trained in the United States, which has done excellent work in supplying instruction on modern lines. It is rumoured the pretty Princess might have worn a Crown had she so desired.

Days change so many things—yes—hours!
We see so differently in suns and showers.

—Geo. Klinge.

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