

HOSPITAL WORLD.

On Tuesday, February 6th, the votaries of Terpsichore met to render homage to the goddess under the banner of the Royal Northern Hospital, when a great Carnival Dance was held in the Ball-Room at the Alexandra Palace. The splendid floor, which accommodates 1,500 dancers, is specially prepared, and afforded the maximum opportunity for enjoyment. Splendid prizes were offered in various competitions, including the best fancy dresses, and no effort was spared to make this, the last of the season, the most successful of the dances in support of the Hospital.

The perfect floor added greatly to the pleasure of the dancers, and the procession of those competing for the prizes was one of the events of the evening. The first ladies' prize was won by "Wireless," most becomingly dressed in blue and silver, with battery, electric light, and wings complete, with the legend "listening-in" attached. "A Little Tin Soldier" carried off the first prize for men, and his clever costume well merited the honour. Everyone agreed that the evening was most enjoyable, and the Secretary of the Hospital, Mr. Gilbert G. Panter, is greatly to be congratulated on its organisation. It is to be hoped that the Royal Northern Hospital will benefit materially.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Mile End Board of Guardians, held in the Board Room, Bancroft Road, E., on February 1st, the General Purposes Committee reported, with reference to recent allegations, that after a full, careful, and impartial enquiry, in which they had heard and gone through all available evidence, they were of opinion that the allegation that a dying man was refused a drink of water by nurses in the infirmary was untrue.

At the same meeting, as reported by the *East London Advertiser*, a letter was received from Lord Knutsford, in reply to one sent by the Board at their last meeting, *re* a woman patient, whose leg was broken at the London Hospital, and who was sent by motor ambulance to the Infirmary. In the letter Lord Knutsford said that the old lady, who was being treated in the Ophthalmic Ward, had got out of bed without permission and unfortunately broke her leg. As they had 900 or 1,000 on their waiting list, the surgeon advised her removal to the Infirmary. He apologised, and admitted that the woman should have been placed in one of their own Surgical Wards.

I wish I loved the Human Race ;
I wish I loved its silly face ;
I wish I liked the way it walks ;
I wish I liked the way it talks ;
And when I'm introduced to one
I wish I thought *What Jolly Fun !*

— " *Laughter from a Cloud,*" by Sir Walter Raleigh.

THE NORWEGIAN COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES.

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N.C.T.N.'s training committee is working on the question of training, and the members are leading nurses. The county associations have also each their representative. The committee has its attention directed to the need of more and better textbooks, to plans for the guidance of the schools, to school material, to such reforms as preparatory schools, &c. It also makes recommendations as to the allotment of scholarships.

Repetition courses. In connection with our great general congresses, which are held in different places in Norway, courses of instruction are given. In these courses several hundred nurses take part, N.C.T.N. is fully aware of the necessity of special courses, especially for head nurses, teachers and nurses doing social work, and the object aimed at is the High School of Nursing, whether it is to be established through co-operation between the Scandinavian lands or separately in each country. A number of nurses have taken part as pupils in the social courses of the Norwegian National Council of Women.

N.C.T.N.'s engagement bureau arranges engagements for nurses throughout the whole country, both in private nursing and in permanent situations in hospitals, district nursing, during epidemics, &c. In 1919 the Lady Superintendent of the bureau was awarded the King's Gold Medal for Efficient Service. During the war the bureau made arrangements for the sending of nurses to Austria, England and Finland. The bureau is managed by a committee, the members of which have had many years' experience and work in the different branches of sick nursing. The committee prepares minimum wage tariffs, makes suggestions as to the duties of the various positions in hospitals, sanatoriums, children's homes, district nursing, boards of health, private nursing, &c. Questions of service and all matters concerning the work are laid before this committee before a decision is come to by the governing committee.

Amongst other permanent committees may be mentioned :—

"The Housing Committee," which is working to secure the building or purchase of a house in Christiania, a "Nurses' Home," as there prevails a great scarcity of house-room, both among the working nurses and among the old sisters.

"The Working Committee for Co-operation amongst Nurses in the North." This committee represents Norway in the great Combined Committee and works for the promotion of co-operation, the holding of congresses, &c. In autumn, 1923, the Second Combined Northern Congress shall be held in Christiania. Through N.C.T.N.'s bureau engagements are secured for nurses from the other northern lands, who are seeking posts in Norway.

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