

Wolsey had lived in regal splendour and dispensed a kingly hospitality for fifteen years, where Henry VIII had held his great functions of State, danced with Jane Seymour and Catherine Howard, and had Catherine Parr proclaimed his Queen, where Shakespeare and his company had performed before James the First, and where many weighty decisions, vital to the future of England, had been taken in centuries that have passed, there stood a quiet little man in grey receiving dignitaries from all parts of the Empire with the same unostentatious, genial hospitality that, a quarter of a century ago, must have characterised his greeting to many a simple visitor to his mother's cottage in sea-swept Looismouth. Somehow one was irresistibly reminded of Kipling's great poem. Here was a man, whatever his politics, here a master of himself and of life. Behind the deep set, keen, dark eyes, the firm lips and the easy bearing, one sensed the great personality, the fine intellect and a character strong as the rocks of his birthplace whereon the wild waters of the Firth have beaten for countless generations. The scene as we watched the Dominions visitors file past must live in our memory. It was such a glorious afternoon, and the sun made the gold gleam on many an Eastern robe, played lightly on the soft folds of many a pretty English girl's gown, and flashed over and silvered the water beyond where white and pink water-lilies lay glistening on floating clouds of green.

PRINCESS CHRISTIAN MEMORIAL.

The Annual Sale of Work will be held at 194, Queen's Gate for the above object in the autumn. We ask all members to help us to make it a success.

DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT IN AID OF THE TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

We had a perfectly delightful entertainment on June 2nd at Queen's Gate, and, inclusive of a few donations, the sum realised came to £25, a useful contribution to the funds of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, which has been unusually fortunate of late in receiving additions to its capital account. Quite recently it had donations of £500 and £50, besides various smaller sums.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Arthur was present on June 2nd, looking beautiful in a dress of gold tissue and an ermine cloak; she expressed very warmly her appreciation of the clever acting and delightful music.

After singing the National Anthem, "The £12 Look," by J. M. Barrie, was very cleverly acted by Mrs. N. Argenti, Miss M. Waddington, Mr. C. W. Adams and Mr. E. L. Pattison, and, later, the audience enjoyed hugely "Their Point of View," of which the following formed the cast:—Mrs. Waddington, Mr. E. L. Pattison and Mr. Geoffrey Brice. That these two plays provided plenty of amusement was evidenced by the hearty laughter which rang constantly through our large double dining room where the stage had been erected. Between the two short plays we had a charming little concert, provided by Miss Gladys Palmer, Mrs. Lyall and Mr. Tom Kinneburgh. Those who had come to help us in our effort in aid of the Benevolent Fund all agreed that they had had a most exceptional treat, quite one of the best we have ever had at Queen's Gate, which is saying a great deal.

ROYAL COMMISSION ON LUNACY LAW AND ADMINISTRATION AND MENTAL DISORDER.

The King has been pleased to approve the appointment of a Royal Commission with the following terms of reference:—"(1) To enquire as regards England and Wales into the existing law and administrative machinery in connection with the certification, detention, and care of

persons who are or are alleged to be of unsound mind; (2) To consider as regards England and Wales the extent to which provision is or should be made for the treatment without certification of persons suffering from mental disorder; and to make recommendations."

The Commission will be composed as follows:—The Rt. Hon. H. P. Macmillan, K.C. (Chairman); The Earl Russell; Lord Eustace Percy, M.P.; Sir Thomas Hutchison, Bart.; Sir Humphry Rolleston, K.C.B., M.D., D.C.L., LL.D.; Sir Ernest Hiley, K.B.E.; Sir David Drummond, C.B.E., M.D., D.C.L.; Mr. W. A. Jowitt, K.C., M.P.; Mr. F. D. MacKinnon, K.C.; Mr. H. Snell, M.P.; Mrs. C. J. Matthew; Miss Madeline Symons; with Mr. P. Barter, of the Ministry of Health, as Secretary.

All communications regarding the Commission should be addressed to "The Secretary, Royal Commission on Lunacy and Mental Disorder, Ministry of Health, Whitehall, S.W.1."

Applications to give evidence before the Commission should be made *in writing*; personal interviews cannot be granted in this connection.

HOSPITAL SERVICES IN SCOTLAND.

GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF INQUIRY.

The following minute, signed by Mr. Wm. Adamson, M.P., President of the Scottish Board of Health, has been issued:—

"The Scottish Board of Health hereby appoint: The Hon. Lord Mackenzie, LL.D.; Sir Norman Walker, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Ed.), LL.D.; D. J. Mackintosh, Esq., C.B., M.V.O., M.P., LL.D.; T. J. Addly, Esq.; John Birnie, Esq.; R. C. Buist, Esq., M.D., M.R.C.P. (Ed.); A. K. Chalmers, Esq., M.D., F.R.F.P.S. (Glas.), D.P.H.; John S. Doeg, Esq.; Russell Paton, Esq.; James Robertson, Esq.; Mrs. Elizabeth Shirley, and Joseph Waugh, Esq., to be a Committee to inquire into and report upon the extent and nature of the inadequacy of the present hospital and ancillary services in Scotland, and to make recommendations for the development and maintenance of those services to meet the needs of the community. The Board also appoint the Hon. Lord Mackenzie to be the Chairman and Mr. Niven M'Nicoll to be the Secretary of the Committee."

OVERHEARD AT THE CLUB ON DERBY DAY.

Young lady having visited the Derby for the first time, and who had been one of the occupants of a chariot which had the misfortune to stick fast in the mud. "And just in front of us was the Black Maria. Really they *are* good to the prisoners in England. Fancy their bringing them to the Derby."

DONATIONS.

Helena Benevolent Fund.—Miss A. Cattell, Mrs. Northwood, 10s.; Misses M. Colborne, M. Drakard, E. M. Eve, G. Neighbour, 5s.; Misses M. C. Dempster, H. Dean, E. Fraser, F. M. Hart, B. Kent, E. Mawe, E. Page-Henderson, 2s. 6d.; Miss M. Garden, 2s.; Miss M. Halkett, 1s. 6d.; Misses E. Bayley, M. Douglas, B. Fraser, B. McDougall, E. P. Williams, 1s.

Settlement Fund.—Miss E. M. Dawe, £5; Miss A. Cattell, £2 18s.; Miss S. Richmond, £2 14s.; Mrs. C. H. Murray, £1 11s.; Miss M. Fraser, £1 6s. 6d.; Miss Parsons, £1 3s.; Miss K. Glover, £1; Miss C. M. Eve, 10s.; Miss M. Drakard, 5s.; Edward Domville, Esq., M.D., 5s.; Misses H. Pledger, M. Piper, E. Mawe, M. A. Coates, 2s. 6d.; Miss Page-Henderson, 2s.; Miss B. McDougall, 1s.

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