

helpful in limiting risks of infection. Among the poor the Tuberculosis Dispensary was exceedingly useful because it "catches on" owing to the fact that it involves neither expense nor the necessity for leaving home.

It would be a great matter if many more district nurses could be trained in the work of giving the tuberculin injections, and if they could also act more effectively as teachers in the work of preventing tuberculosis, then perhaps we would not hear of sputum being "put down the drains," instead it would be collected in many thicknesses of paper and burnt. In China, Persia and India the modern treatment of tuberculosis by tuberculin was well known; the medical profession in England had done little to develop it. At the present time Dr. McCall's Tuberculin Dispensary is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 9-10 a.m. at 37, Jeffreys Road, Clapham, and Dr. Wilkinson's Dispensary at 9, Fitzroy Square, W. on Mondays and Thursdays from 9-10 a.m. The ideal thing would be to have them open again at 5 p.m. if only a few more medical practitioners could be found ready to undertake this work. In closing Dr. McCall invited any nurse to visit her Dispensary on a Tuesday or Friday morning or Dr. Wilkinson's on a Monday or Thursday morning. In reply to questions, Dr. McCall said that reactions from tuberculin might be said to be threefold—local, general and focal. In the local or track reaction there arose swelling and stiffness where the needle was put in, and in the general reaction one might look for practically the same symptoms as those apparent in the early stages of influenza. In focal reaction the symptoms would arise in some part, such as a knee joint, where there was or had been tuberculous mischief.

INTERNATIONAL VISITORS.

It is a great pleasure to have with us at the Club Miss Meyboom and Miss van Ditmar from Holland, nurses who take a keen interest in the work of the International Council of Nurses and an active part in Nursing Organisation in Holland.

Hearing of their arrival in England, H.R.H. the President was graciously pleased to come to the Club to receive them, and on another afternoon the Council of the Corporation had a reception in order to give Members of the Association an opportunity of meeting these very interesting and delightful visitors.

THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

Address by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

On Friday, November 19th, Mrs. Strong occupied the Chair, when a large number of Members gathered at Queen's Gate to listen to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's address on the British College of Nurses. Mrs. Fenwick, after outlining the progress of Nursing Organisation during the past forty years, gave an account of the foundation of the College and mentioned the various schemes which it was hoped would be incorporated in its activities. Mrs. Fenwick emphasised the opportunities which, through the College, would be placed in the hands of the Nurses for evolving the educational side of their own profession and stressed their responsibility as a profession to gain the greatest possible advantage for their Profession from a magnificent benefaction.

At the close of the Address a number of questions were put and replied to.

CORRESPONDENCE.

British Legion—Remembrance Day.

EARL HAIG'S BRITISH LEGION APPEAL.

We have received with pleasure, the following letter from Lady Rice-Oxley:—

DEAR MISS MACDONALD,—I am writing to express my sincere thanks to you, your Nurses and Staff for the valuable help you all gave on Remembrance Day.

It was very good of so many to spare the time—I think twenty in all—among whom we were so pleased to see Miss van Ditmar and Miss Meyboom from Holland. It was very kind of them to take such practical interest in our efforts on behalf of our ex-Service men. Sir Alfred was so pleased to notice that so many of the Nurses were wearing their ribbons; so appropriate to the occasion.

I am hoping we shall have a very satisfactory result from our labours as I was able to bank 488 tins of money. As soon as the total is known I will let you know what it is and, if possible, what each of you collected.

With our best wishes and kindest regards,

Yours very gratefully,
EVA A. RICE-OXLEY.
5, Prince of Wales Terrace,
Kensington, W.8.

A Delightful Remembrance.

To the Secretary,

DEAR MISS MACDONALD,—Miss van Ditmar and I would like to express to Her Royal Highness the President and to all members of the Royal British Nurses' Association our thanks for their hospitality. We regard it not only as a compliment to ourselves but also more particularly to the matrons and nurses of the Netherlands that the Princess should have been graciously pleased to come to the Club to receive us.

It will be for us a very nice and delightful remembrance, and I think the British nurses may be thankful to have such an example as they find in their Royal President, who is so charming and kind. Her Royal Highness was very interested in the Dutch nursing and education, and I had the honour to explain to her the methods of the Dutch examination and the claims of the State; she did quite agree with me that the practical side of our profession is the principal thing in education as well as in examination. The Princess told me that she was still working in the hospital. It was so nice to hear her saying, "I love nursing so much." It was very inspiring to listen to her, who is the only Princess in the world who is a Registered Nurse.

It is a splendid advantage that she is the President of the Association's Club, in which we have lived since October 15th, and where we have such a pleasant time and feel so happy.

We also desire to give our thanks for the very nice hospitality which, on Friday, the 12th, the Hon. Officers and General Council of the Association so kindly offered us. It was a great joy to meet the Vice-Chairman—Mrs. Strong, who also resided in the Club for a long time and is well known to everybody, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who is still doing so much for English nursing.

We quite agree with everything that is already told about Mrs. Strong in your last JOURNAL, and we feel happy to have met her here.

I hope to be able to tell much about your Home and the Association, in our Dutch Journals of matrons and nurses, and about your kind hospitality.

Yours Sincerely,

F. MEYBOOM.

M. A. VAN DITMAR.

CLUB FIXTURES.

On Saturday, December 4th, Mr. Howling is to give a lecture on "John Milton," at 3 p.m., and on Monday, December 6th, at 5 p.m., Sir Harold Boulton, C.V.O., C.B.E., is arranging a very fine Concert. We shall be very pleased to see those Members and their friends who are able to be present. There will be no charge for admission.

The Annual Sale of Work will take place on Monday, December 13th, between 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

ISABEL MACDONALD,
Secretary to the Corporation.

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