

Welfare; the Federal Government and Child Welfare; the School Teacher and Child Welfare, and other subjects.

Recently Mrs. Lucas has had added to her other appointments that of Health Education Lecturer to the Student Teachers of the Provincial Normal Schools. Her lectures are given, when time can be arranged, between the University of British Columbia (where Mrs. Lucas was stationed when we last heard from her) and the Director of the Normal Schools. The Dominion's Government believes that the teacher can be a valuable asset to the State in health education, and all possible facilities are, therefore, given to teachers to develop their knowledge of hygiene.

Before her appointment to the Saanich Health Centre, Mrs. Lucas was Lady District Superintendent of Military District 13 of the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas; later she became Travelling Instructor and Field Organiser for the Public Health Nursing Department of the Provincial Red Cross Society. This was real pioneer work, for it was her duty to go into any rural community believed by the Director to be a possible or potential district in which to station a Public Health Nurse. Having arrived, Mrs. Lucas was expected, to use her own words, "to dig into the hearts and minds of the inhabitants and interest them in her work," to organise classes for them, to enlist the sympathies, and incidentally the purses, of School Trustees and Members of Council in order to persuade them to arrange for the services of a Public Health Nurse and to provide her with a Ford car or other means of transport. It usually took about three weeks to organise a centre.

Prior to her work in the Dominion, Mrs. Lucas gained the Certificate of Guy's Hospital, and worked for about a year there; then she went to the Park Fever Hospital. She was Theatre Sister at Lewisham Infirmary and Massage Sister at Fulham Infirmary; since then her work has been almost entirely confined to Public Health.

Mrs. Lucas's appointment, in connection with the University of Vancouver, to which we have referred, is of too recent date for us to be able to give an account of what she evidently regards as a very interesting piece of work; it includes a Health Education Programme covering the whole Student body; the Registration of Students for 1927-1928 was over seventeen hundred.

This is necessarily only a very superficial account of the work of this leading educationalist in Public Health, and we can only hope that, ere long, we may welcome Mrs. Lucas to England and hear from her own lips something of each branch of her very varied work, and of the splendid educational activities which it comprises. Like most of the people who really do things, Mrs. Lucas says little about her own part in encouraging Government Departments, teachers and others to take an active interest in

all branches of her special subject, but we gather from others that, in no small degree, the very varied developments of Public Health work in Victoria and its neighbourhood of recent years (particularly in relation to Child Hygiene and Preventive work), are due to her initiative, enthusiasm, and untiring energy; we read between the lines of a letter from a member of her staff of how her enthusiasm encourages and inspires her colleagues.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Very Warm Thanks.

To the Secretary R.B.N.A.

DEAR MISS MACDONALD,—Through the medium of the Supplement I should like to offer to my fellow Members my very warm thanks for the help they gave me in making my concert the real success which it proved. I very greatly value their co-operation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

ALICE CATTELL, M.R.B.N.A.

An Appreciation from Our Swedish Friends.

To the Secretary R.B.N.A.

DEAR MISS MACDONALD,—How could I thank you and all the Nurses enough for your great kindness to us two Swedish Nurses? We had delightful days in London, and I love Queen's Gate enormously. I can't think of a better place in London. I like your rooms with the good beds, where I slept all the night without hearing a sound from the street, the good tea at half past eight, and the good breakfast in the beautiful dining room with lovely flowers at every table. I will always remember the nice drawing room with the lovely freafter dinner—yes everything at Queen's Gate is perfect. We had the most lovely journey from London to Paris, the sea was excellent, and Normandie beautiful with all the blooming trees. Paris was warm and beautiful and I was very fond of Brussels. From there to Sweden we had a very nice journey, the sea was quite calm like a mirror one day, and now I am at my Hospital, very glad to be in work again. From Sister

Bertha Wellin and Sister Elisabet Lind I can send you their best regards. I met them the day after my return home. And now I will only send to you my best wishes for a nice summer and thank you so very, very much.

Your affectionate

St. Goran, Stockholm.

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Secretary to the Corporation.



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