

## PAPWORTH VILLAGE SETTLEMENT.

## A NURSES' DAY.

We have to thank Miss Borne, Matron of the Papworth Village Settlement, for the programme of the arrangements for Nurses' Day, which will be held at Papworth on Saturday, May 12th. Miss Borne writes that she will be prepared to welcome any Nurses, Health Visitors or anyone interested in tuberculosis in all its phases. There are so many applications from Nurses, Health Visitors, Lady Almoners and others wishing to visit this celebrated Settlement, which comprises a Hospital section, together with Hostels for workers and a model village for married men and their families, that it is indeed a happy idea to arrange for a Nurses' Day when they will be welcomed by Miss Borne and addressed by expert doctors on the wonderful work being accomplished for tuberculosis patients. Numbers need not be limited, all that is required is that intending visitors shall write not later than May 9th, if they wish to attend on May 12th, to the Matron, Papworth Hall, Cambridge.

We feel sure many nurses will eagerly avail themselves of this very kind invitation. We can assure them they will learn much of professional work of truly national value.

## Programme.

## NURSES' VISIT, SATURDAY, MAY 12TH.

- 11 a.m. Visit to workshops.  
 12 noon Visit to Hostels and Hospitals.  
 1.15 p.m. Lunch.\*  
 2.30 p.m. Sir Pendrill Varrier-Jones, M.A., M.R.C.P., will take the chair and will give an address on: "Work as a therapeutic measure."  
 W. Paton Philip, M.B., Ch.B., D.M.R.E., of Cambridge, will speak on: "The work of an Anti-Tuberculosis Centre."  
 L. B. Stott, M.C., M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., of Papworth, will speak on: "The risk to 'Contacts.'"  
 W. Pagel, M.D., of Papworth, will give an anatomical demonstration on: "The course of Tuberculosis in human life."  
 4 p.m. Tea.

\* A snack lunch will be provided at a small charge.

## The Importance of Thoracic Surgery.

Sir Pendrill Varrier-Jones, Medical Director of Papworth Village Settlement, writing in *The Times*, says:—

Recent issues of *The Times* have made our mouths here at Papworth water not a little. First we read of an anonymous gift of £70,000 to a hospital; next of an anonymous offer to double all gifts up to £15,000 given to another institution; next of Lord Vestey's literally sky-scraping contribution to Liverpool Cathedral; and now the climax has come with a £12,000 anonymous gift to the Bishop of Norwich.

The Bishop, I gather, will build a church. At Papworth we have three of these already; but, although we have 400 patients, we have no surgical block and no operating theatre. We have the land, the surgeons, the staff, and the patients. But we have no money. Is there not among your readers even one who will help us in this matter? Comparatively speaking we need so little. Our surgical block will cost £10,000 only. Twenty-two of them could, indeed, be built for the cost of Liverpool's Cathedral tower.

We have struggled to raise the money before beginning to build; but now we can wait no longer. So important have been the recent advances in thoracic surgery, so successful has surgical treatment proved in reducing the spread of tuberculous disease, that we must build at once. We feel—and surely your readers will agree—that a financial risk is justified if it will protect hundreds from the danger of infection.

In this faith we are going on.

## SOCIAL SERVICE.

## CLINICS FOR RHEUMATISM.

The Fourth Annual Report of the British Red Cross Society for Rheumatism, Peto Place, Marylebone Road, N.W.1, which was opened by Her Majesty the Queen on February 25th, 1930, is a record of continued progress, and demonstrates what excellent work has been done and the widespread need for such clinics, for we are told that "nearly one-sixth of the industrial invalidity in this country is due to diseases classed as rheumatic. Each year these diseases are costing nearly £2,000,000 in sick benefit, and over 3,000,000 weeks of work are lost annually."

These, it is pointed out, are striking figures, full of significance for an industrial nation, but even they fail to express the sum total of pain and distress which rheumatic diseases cause.

There has been a total number of 85,948 attendances for treatment, and a total of 114,643 treatments were given in the general out-patients' department; a total of 8,308 attendances for treatment and 15,084 treatments given in the private patients' department. These figures all show a decided increase over those of 1932. The benefit of early treatment is increasingly recognised, and full advantage is taken of the evening Clinics by workers who might otherwise be prevented from seeking early relief. The special difficulties attending any prolonged treatment of the industrial worker receive careful consideration.

The follow-up and home visiting services of the Almoners' Department have removed many obstacles that might otherwise prevent patients from completing the cure. The report points out that the work is still hindered by lack of funds; there is a deficit of £2,323 9s. on last year's accounts, and yet there is urgent need for increased expenditure for research, upon which progress so much depends, and for the Samaritan Fund to enable necessitous persons to obtain continued treatment.

In the spring of 1933, the "rheumatic unit" at St. Charles's Hospital, including ten beds allocated to the use of the Physicians of the Clinic, was transferred to St. Stephen's Hospital, Fulham Road. Since then six patients have been transferred to St. Stephen's. One is still an in-patient there, the rest remained in the Hospital for an average of 8½ weeks.

As a branch of the work of the British Red Cross Society, the Clinic ranks high as a Department of social service. The Chairman of the Council of the B.R.C.S. is H.R.H. the Duke of York, K.G., and the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., C.B., M.V.O., is Chairman of the Executive Committee.

## THE COLLEGE OF NURSING.

Miss Rachel Cox-Davies, C.B.E., R.R.C., has been elected President of the College of Nursing in succession to Mrs. Rome. She has from its inception been very actively connected with the College, and has on more than one occasion made a financial appeal on its behalf.

Miss F. G. Goodall has been appointed Acting Secretary of the College, Miss M. S. Rundle, R.R.C., D.N., having recently resigned the office of Secretary—which she had held since the foundation of the College in 1915.

## GIFT TO BLIND READERS.

The National Institute for the Blind has presented 512 Braille volumes to the National Library for the Blind. The volumes are in manuscript, being transcripts of technical works required by sightless readers.

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