one or so, until later and more peaceful times, would appear to have lost his head for causes not unknightly. There were pictures too of lovely ladies, notably the beautiful Mary Fitzalan, Duchess of Norfolk and the lovely Charlotte Leveson-Gower wife of the 13th Duke of Norfolk, this last by Sir Henry Lawrence. A quaint painting enough was that of William of Orange, as a very small child, by Cuyp. Of Arundel it has been said in the words of the poet Pope, "There is majesty in simplicity"—and indeed this is the feeling one has when passing through those stately rooms and long corridors lined with cabinets of old and perfect workmanship and with porcelain and treasures of every kind. Before viewing the old chapel in the castle grounds we climbed a "summit old in story"—the ancient Keep of Arundel; from it we viewed a wide landscape and a pathway (interesting from other aspects of nursing history), threading its way through the lovely country—a sad pathway enough, for it was the way of the lepers from their place of isolation on the Sussex Downs to the little Church,

built for their use in olden times, in order that they might not spread infection in the town. We passed through the great gateway again to enjoy a friendly tea, then mounted our chariot once more, to spend half an hour by the sea at Littlehampton and then start again the journey home which is always so lovely in the quiet summer night.

In some less materialistically minded age people may be able to discover how beauty acts as a healthgiving influence upon life and how to understand what Burke implied when he said that "Taste and elegance are of

no mean importance in the regulations of life." At least we have, through many a summer now, learnt the mood in which to set off upon such enlightening and revivifying pilgrimages, an understanding (to use Emerson's words) of the fact that "Though we travel over the world to find the beautiful we must carry it in our hearts or we find it not."

## WRIGHT-KINGSFORD HOME FOR CHILDREN.

We are pleased to welcome once again the Report of the Wright-Kingsford Home for Children. The whole story of this beautiful place, with blue bambino plaques set in the gables, its quiet chapel and lovely lawns and flowers, is a romance in the story of the modern development of child welfare work. We congratulate our Members, Miss Wright, O.B.E., and Miss Kingsford (Founders of the Institution) upon the results of seed sown by them many years ago when they first opened, entirely upon their own initiative, a tiny home for illegitimate children. Their courage has been justified, as are so many acts of faith, and it is a real pleasure to visit the home and to receive the cordial, friendly

welcome which the little children help in extending to all visitors; in nothing more than this is it made evident that they feel they have a home, that they are not guests for a season but hosts and hostesses when friends and strangers enter their doors. We remember taking a visitor there on the occasion of some gathering, and she remarked that never had she seen children with "such natural, happy and courteous ways." The Hon. Matron of the Home, Miss Wright, does not merely make it her care that they start on life's journey with healthy bodies, but that there will grow up in them qualities of character and temperament that are likely to be helpful to themselves and to many another in later years.

This is now the thirty-fifth Report and it is one satisfying to subscribers. During the year, 171 children have passed through the Home; of these, 86 have been in residence for the whole year. The Wright-Kingsford Home is supported partly by voluntary subscriptions, partly by parents' contributions, and partly by an annual grant from the Govern-

ment.

On Saturday, June 16th, at 3 p.m., there commences the Children's Summer Annual fête in the grounds; this is to be opened by the Mayor of Finchley, and we ask all Members who are lovers of children and who are within reach of London to try to attendit; the Home is situated in Granville Road, Finch-ley. Gifts for the various stalls will be very gratefully received by Miss Wright on behalf of her community of small folk. The small folk. The Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year shows evidence of a careful administration that enables



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the accounts to close with an excess of income over expenditure of 47 4s. 9d.

## GOOD FORTUNE FOR THE SETTLEMENT HOME.

The Settlement has had some good fortune during the past month in that it has received two small legacies. One of those amounts to £37, the remainder (after certain charges have been met) of a legacy to the late Miss E. F. Campbell, a Member of the Association, who died twenty-five years ago and who left her estate to the Home. We have also received a sum of £30 for the same Fund by the will of Mrs. Tuffield Gledstanes, who bequeathed this to the Association in memory of Miss McLoughlin.

## RAMBLE.

The Ramblers' Club are arranging for a sail on the River before the end of June. Will those who would like to join in this, kindly communicate with the Secretary?

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