

training three prizes given annually by the Matron. A novelty in connection with the award of these prizes is that the recipients are chosen by ballot by their contemporaries, so every one should be pleased.

An inspiring speech from the Matron brought the proceedings to a conclusion, and then those present adjourned for tea and did full justice to the many good things provided, including ices, always welcome to nurses, and particularly so on a midsummer day with the sun at its brightest.

After tea, the time passed happily, quickly and gaily with games, dancing, tennis, and a "Treasure Hunt" in the Nurses' Garden, prizes being awarded to those who found the largest number of pieces of paper hidden amongst the bushes. At last, farewells were reluctantly said, and the visitors departed impressed with the fine remedial work which is being done for the patients at the Kent County Mental Hospital, Maidstone, by its nursing department, under the direction of the Medical Staff and Matron, and by the high ethical standard which evidently inspires the nurses of all grades.

THE TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA.

Miss D. Hartley, S.R.N., S.C.M., Secretary of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, in a paper presented during the annual meeting of the Association at Ootacamund, on the aims and objects of the Association, expressed the hope "that the Governments will allow Matrons and Nursing Superintendents the privilege of at least assisting them in the appointment of Sisters and Staff Nurses, and the selection of suitable candidates as probationers, and also make them fully responsible for the discipline of the nursing staff, bearers, ayahs, and other subordinates in their hospitals, and, with the sanction of the Government, allow them to dismiss any member of the staff when they deem such a procedure necessary. . . .

"If nurses are allowed to communicate with the Government, then they should only do so through the agency of the Matron; unless administration is very faulty it should never be necessary for a nurse to have to appeal to headquarters."

It was unanimously agreed that if the Matrons who are in charge of the training institutions had the power to select their own nurse-probationers, far greater success would be attained in such centres.

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF ROMAN CATHOLIC NURSES.

The first International Pilgrimage of Roman Catholic Nurses to Rome was held from August 25th to 31st, and an attractive itinerary covering Havre, Paris, Turin, Siena, Rome, Nice, Lourdes, and Lisieux was planned for those who attended from America. The opening ceremony took place in the Vatican, and amongst the audience from all over the world were upwards of one hundred British Nurses.

EMERGENCY BAPTISMS BOOK FOR DOCTORS AND NURSES.

Instructions for the emergency baptism of infants are given concisely in a 12-page booklet entitled "Baptism of the Infant and the Fetus," written by Fr. John R. Bowen, chaplain of St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital, Dubuque.

The booklet, intended as an outline for the use of doctors and nurses, was prepared by Fr. Bowen when, in his experience as hospital chaplain, he found there was need of a brief pamphlet telling nurses and physicians, who are anxious to co-operate, just what the Church wishes in emergency baptisms. In preparing the booklet Fr. Bowen was advised by the medical staff of St. Joseph's Mercy Hospital and by the medical staffs of other hospitals.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

At a meeting of the Court of Governors of the London Hospital on September 4th, the Chairman, Sir William H. Goschen, who presided, announced that extensions to the hospital, at a total cost of £35,000, are being considered.

The proposed alterations include an extension of the nurses' home at a cost of £10,000, and a hostel for resident wardmaids and other domestics to cost £25,000.

It was stated that the trustees of the Sir Halley Stewart Trust had established at the hospital a research fellowship of £500 per annum for three years. Dr. Lowenthal, who had been appointed, was working on protective measures against streptococcal infection.

Sir William Goschen also made the interesting statement that he had recently been an in-patient at the hospital for four days.

That grand old man, Sir Thomas Barlow, K.C.V.O., F.R.S., M.D., who on September 4th attained the great age of ninety years, has, as a thankoffering, presented to Wendover a recreation ground of over six acres, including a large pond. It is close to Wendover Parish Church, and is known as Hampden Field.

Sir Thomas Barlow's name will always be associated with the disease known as "Barlow's Disease," a form of scurvy which attacks young children. Up to the time of Sir Thomas's researches the malady was confused with rickets, but in 1883, in a celebrated paper read before the Medico-Chirurgical Society of London, he made it quite clear that scurvy was a separate disorder, caused by a deficiency of something present in fresh fruit and vegetables.

This "something" was later discovered as vitamin C, and the present issue of the "Archives of Disease in Childhood"—a special number of which has just been published as a tribute to him—deals with the various problems which have been studied since Sir Thomas's famous lecture.

By the members of the nursing profession who have had the good fortune to be associated with Sir Thomas Barlow, he will be remembered always not only as a great scientist, but as the kindest of men who always remembered the patient as well as his disease, and was beloved by the nurses who worked in his wards at the London Hospital.

The Queen's Hospital for Children has been registered as a company to acquire the hospital property in Hackney Road, E., and the Little Folks Home, Bexhill-on-Sea.

The British Empire Cancer Campaign flower day in London realised £4,413 6s. 1d., a very satisfactory result for one of the best of causes.

The annual Red Cross ball will take place on November 27th at Grosvenor House in aid of the Clinic for Rheumatism. Lady Mary Herbert has consented to be chairman of the ball.

The Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, has a good friend in Lord Nuffield, whose latest gift is £8,000 for a new medical ward and nursing staff accommodation.

Mr. E. C. Early, who presided on September 4th at a meeting of the Board of Governors, said that as soon as Lord Nuffield learned that an extension was necessary, and what the cost would be, he sent the money by return of post.

The Board decided that, as some acknowledgment of Lord Nuffield's many gifts to the hospital, an inscription enumerating these should be placed over the door of the new ward.

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