

used. The Committee expect that during that time the hospital staffs will become trained in the use of the tents.

The outbreak of measles both in London and in many parts of the country has assumed epidemic proportions, and, in London, as a result, the Orchard and Joyce Green Hospitals at Dartford have been opened for the reception of cases. Recently a total of 2,278 children were down with the complaint in London at the same time, and of these 1,500 were in the hospitals at the same time. It is hoped that the epidemic is now at its peak, but meanwhile nurses are urgently needed for the above hospitals, particulars concerning which will be found in our advertisement columns, and the London County Council are also appealing for voluntary nurses and other helpers to augment the regular staffs. Any who are able to give help in this way in this emergency will be doing valuable public service. Application should be made to the Matron-in-Chief, at the County Hall, London, S.E., or to the Matrons at the Orchard and Joyce Green Hospitals. Happily the outbreak is not so serious as in some former epidemics.

In the provinces Manchester is one of the cities which has suffered most severely, over 1,000 cases a week being at one time reported.

Mrs. Eliza Belcher, of Duntisborne Abbots, Gloucestershire, at one time a patient at the Westminster Hospital, has chosen a particularly happy way of showing her gratitude to Sister Burton and the Nursing Staff in the Annie Zunz Ward. She has bequeathed £100 to the hospital "for the purpose of providing screens with rubber wheels or any other appliances which will ease the work of the sisters or nurses in Mrs. Annie Zunz Ward, in memory of kindnesses received there in the year 1927, especially from Sister Burton."

Sister Burton remembers discussing the question of screens and other ward appliances with Mrs. Belcher, whose gift is most opportune, since one screen in the ward badly needs replacing and others are needed.

The Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester, which is this year celebrating its bi-centenary, has issued a charming illustrated brochure, of interest both to the public, and to the past and present nurses of the hospital. The Matron, Miss C. Parken, asks us to notify that she will be glad if all past members of the Staff who have not received a copy of the brochure and a letter from her would communicate with her, as she feels sure they would like to hear of the plans for this year.

The Nursing Staff have already collected over £200, and its members are hoping to make themselves responsible for the furnishing of the sitting-rooms in the new Home. A number of special events have been arranged to take place during the summer months, including a five days' Carnival, from July 30th to August 3rd inclusive, and on one of these days Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Gloucester has consented to receive the money collected.

The question of health education among young girls entering industry, and that of a higher school-leaving age, is discussed in the April journal of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology.

"The factory girl starts her working life at fourteen," Dr. T. O. Garland writes. "Those of us who look back on our own immaturity at that age cannot fail to be shocked at the idea of anyone in a similar position being thrown into the hurly-burly of factory life."

The time has come, Dr. Garland contends, for something to be done for these children, who are suddenly plunged from the life of a schoolgirl into the grim adult world of working for a living. They ought to be given an idea of the elements of hygiene, which they seldom learn at home.

One of the reasons given for 85,000 children in London failing to avail themselves of the "Milk in Schools" scheme is that girls in secondary schools refuse milk, saying that it will make them fat.

Here, maybe, we have one reason why there is more tuberculosis among young women than young men.

The Annual Conference of the Association of Queen's Superintendents will take place on Monday, April 27th, in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, E.C.2, by kind permission of the Corporation of the City of London. The Lord Mayor has very kindly consented to receive the delegates, and open the Conference at 11 a.m.

The At Home will be held on Saturday, April 25th, at the County Hall, Westminster Bridge, S.E.1, from 3.30 to 6 p.m., by kind permission of the London County Council.

By no other arrangement does the public contribute to Charity by so delightful a method as by paying a small entrance fee to view the lovely gardens thrown open by private people, in support of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing. During the past few weeks carpets of snowdrops, daffodils and crocuses have thus been seen in glorious profusion—now shrubs are in bud, and an exquisite display of spring flowers will refresh the tired spirit of those who wisely expend a shilling for admittance to these gardens of delight.

The scent of violets is in the air—that is if noses seek the hedgerows—where these purple specks modestly hidden from sight give forth their entrancing perfume—with which the more acrid scent of "Russians" and "Neopolitans" can never compare. Many poets have paid homage to the violet.

Herrick, Shakespeare, Tennyson, Oliver Wendell Holmes, have all expressed the idea that from the dust of those who pass away violets grow. Mr. Vernon Rendall's "Wild Flowers in Literature" in his chapter on "Violets," says *The Times*, finds the origin of the idea in the first satire of Persius, where it is written:—"Is not the poet happy in his grave? . . . Will not violets spring from his remains; from his tomb and blest ashes?"

Elles reviennent chaque été
 Deboutonner leurs collerettes
 Et l'on peut voir l'éternité
 Dans un feuillet de violette.

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