

who was President of the Ladies' Committee. The badge, which is of solid gold, represents the figure of Hygeia against a background of crimson enamel. The jewels in the Royal crown are represented by enamel of divers colours—red, green, and white. The ornament of which Mrs. PRIESTLEY was the deservedly honoured recipient, bears at the back the inscription: "Presented by the Executive Committee to Mrs. PRIESTLEY, President of the Ladies' Committee."

MISS L. NORA ELPHICK has been appointed Sister of the Helena Ward, at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street. Miss ELPHICK was trained at King's College Hospital, where she gained a certificate after three years' training, and she has for the past two years held the position of Staff Nurse at Gordon House Home Hospital, where, I hear, she will be greatly missed. Miss ELPHICK was the recipient of some charming gifts from her fellow-workers "towards house-keeping," amongst which were a tea service and tray, and bronze articles for the writing table.

THE COUNTESS OF DENBIGH sends an appeal on behalf of the Sisters of Charity, Carlisle Place, Westminster. Owing to an outbreak of scarlet fever many of the children in the Orphanage have had to be sent to the Fever Hospital, expensive measures have been ordered by the sanitary inspector, orders for needlework have perforce to be declined, and the Sisters are left without means to carry on the charitable work of their large establishment. The Countess will be glad to receive donations at Newnham Paddox, Lutterworth, and so will the Sister Superior, at The Convent, Carlisle Place, Westminster.

I HAVE been much interested in reading the annual report for 1891 of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children in Glasgow. Thanks to its energetic Matron, Mrs. HARBIN, the Hospital bears a deservedly high reputation in the Nursing world. There are two or three important features in connection with this Institution which might well be copied on this side of the Tweed. A large part of its work consists of out-patients who are seen apparently at a separate Dispensary. There are resident Sisters there, and they visit as many as possible of the patients at their own homes. In this way one patient out of eight was visited last year, and although on an average each only received two and a-half visits the system is of immense value. All who are familiar with the working of the out-patients'

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department, know how disheartening the treatment of children is, owing to the crass ignorance and carelessness of their mothers, so that an occasional visit from one of the Hospital officials, doubtless has most beneficial results. The next point is the largeness of the annual subscription list. The town is divided, it seems, into one hundred and six districts, each of which is worked by one or more ladies. Any amount from half-a-crown upwards is taken, and the result is that these ladies collectively obtained more than £900 for the Hospital. Annual subscriptions are the backbone of a Hospital, and Glasgow wisely recognises the fact.

THERE is good reason to believe that the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, has surmounted the serious trouble with which it was once confronted, and is now obtaining the share of public and professional support which it deserves. It had nearly five hundred in-patients under treatment last year, and considerably over six thousand out-patients, the latter number showing an increase of about five hundred over the previous year's total. It is an accepted fact that the popularity of a hospital can be gauged by its out-patients, and these figures, therefore, are very significant. The Hospital was in the agreeable position of ending the year with a balance to its credit, and by common report it has secured a very energetic secretary in the person of Mr. HARROLD, so that it may even improve on its present financial prosperity. But, at present, it is clearly too dependent on those most uncertain sources of income—casual donations and legacies. Its annual subscription list only amounts to £2,200, while its expenditure nearly reaches £8,000 a year. But all who wish it well will rejoice to see its present success, and wish it increasing prosperity.

MR. KIPLING, in a letter to *The Times*, last week, calls attention to an excellent arrangement which he saw in the town of St. Paul, Minnesota: "One little brown house at the end of an avenue is shuttered down, and a doctor's buggy stands before it. On the door a large blue and white label says 'Scarlet fever.' . . . In the cars to-night they will be talking wheat, girding at Minneapolis, and sneering at Duluth's demand for 20ft. of water from Duluth to the Atlantic—matters of no great moment compared to those streets and that label." It may not be generally known that any house in Holland in which there is a patient suffering from an infectious disease is labelled in the same way. Would it not be a good thing if municipalities at home would make a similar order and enforce it?

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