

formed the concluding portion of the ceremony. She said—"I declare open this wing and ward of the Royal Edinburgh Hospital for Sick Children, which has been generously built and endowed by the Lady Jane Dundas, in memory of her late sister, and to be henceforth known as the Lady Caroline Charteris Memorial Wing."

The Medical Lecture Theatre was then visited, after which the party mounted to the top story and inspected the kitchen, in which the Princess showed a great interest. From there they descended again to the first floor, where the visitors' book was signed by the Princess, Prince Henry, the Marchioness of Tweeddale, Mr. B. Hall Blyth, the Hon. Bertha Lambart, and Colonel Clerk. The Royal visitors then re-entered their carriage and drove off amid loud cheering.

WE have to announce that we have received the following contributions towards the funds of the Nurses' Home of Rest at Brighton, and should be happy to receive weekly the same substantial support from kind friends: Mr. Maurice Beddington, per Mrs. Lionel Lucas, £5 5s., Miss Lees, £5, and Miss Lucy Lees, £5, per Nurse Rae, R.N.S., Lady Amherst of Hackney, £1 1s., Mr. Walter Lakin £1 1s., Mrs. Walter Lakin £1 1s.

WE are glad to report that the Committee of the Borough Hospital, Birkenhead, have just inaugurated a system of three years' training for their Nursing Staff. A premium of £10 is paid upon entering the school; they provide their uniform; in the third year's service a salary is given. We know that this extension of training has long been desired by the able Lady Superintendent, Miss Florence M. Bridges, and we congratulate her upon the *fait accompli*.

THERE is no good thing without a disadvantage and a drawback. Antiseptic surgery and scrupulous cleanliness have worked wonders in treatment. And what is the drawback? might be asked. To answer this it is only necessary to watch the rueful countenances of the Governors of Hospitals with limited incomes, as they examine the bills for gauzes and cotton-wools and other items necessitated by the theory of sepsis. But they have to acknowledge that the expenditure is legitimate and necessary.

And the same drawback attends the introduction of selected foods and scientific cooking. It is not to be expected that good invalid cookery and specially prepared diets will be obtained so cheaply as the rough fare which

was thought good enough some few years since to be placed before the sick poor. Diet kitchens and care in the cooking and serving of food are going to add considerably to Hospital expenditure, but then they are also going to add enormously to practical therapeutics. And Hospitals exist for healing purposes. The fact that all things well done are apt to cost much must not be lost sight of by Hospital Committees.

WE have lately seen a thermometer which was made abroad and commended itself immensely to our judgment. We have not, so far, seen any for sale in England. It is called the "Black Back" thermometer, and it is intended specially for use in darkened rooms, the mercury being so adapted in the column as to appear white and show up very distinctly against the black ground. It is a patent, but no doubt it will before very long make its appearance in London.

THE Standish District Council made an application to the County Council, proposing that instead of devoting the usual amount of money for sick nursing in connection with the Technical Instruction classes to that purpose, they should be allowed to expend it in obtaining a Resident Nurse for the parish. We are very glad to find a District Council interesting itself in so practical and important a subject as the nursing of the poor, but they should be aware that the County Councils have no power under the Act to appropriate the funds of the Technical Education Grant to such a purpose as District Nursing.

IT is hoped that the Nursing question at the Coventry Infirmary will soon be placed on a satisfactory basis. A resolution has been passed "that a certificated Night Nurse be appointed," and this in spite of opposition on the part of a very small section of the Guardians. Mr. Poole repeated his wonderful discovery as to the objection of trained Nurses to "soil their fingers," and spoke regretfully of "years ago when the whole of the Nursing was done by one Nurse, and she a pauper." He also recommended that there should be no increase of "regular officials," but that "a person should be appointed, taken from the class from which the sick poor sprang." Whereupon Mr. Allchurch said this proposal might lead to the appointment of a veritable Mrs. Gamp, with

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