

opened, with ayahs to care for them. Still the mothers hid the babies in the infectious wards, which necessitated constant watchfulness on the part of the English helpers.

Dr. Hunter is of opinion that the efforts to "stamp out" the disease have been so comparatively unsuccessful, that it is a question whether more radical measures should not be adopted. The suggestion to burn down insanitary areas, and rebuild at Government expense, may yet have to be seriously considered.

Sketches.

SCIENCE IN THE CHILDREN'S WARD.

DICKIE: "When the 'ospital's pulled down, where will all the 'Germans' under the floor go?"

TOMMY: "Nurse, mayn't I 'ave the "Aspirated London News?"

JOHNNIE: "Wait till I get up. I'll give you the copper stick."

CHORUS: "There ain't no copper stick."

JOHNNIE (who "knows his bones"): "Well, I'll take the vertebral column out o' down me neck."

ALICK: "Of course, God gave Adam chlogy afore he pit him through the operation."

WILLIE to "New Patient": "Dinna greet, Dr. C— can sort legs."

ALICK: "a Spinal": "I should think he could sort legs, he can *even* sort backs."

MAGGIE: "Coming out" of anæsthetic. "Dead men tell no tales."

ART IN THE CHILDREN'S WARD.

Teddy studying "the nude" in Academy Notes.
Sotto voce: "Poor Lydy, poor lydy, her bundle's in the tupboard."!

A CANNY SCOT.

SISTER: "Now, John Reid, if you spoil your dressing, I shan't be friends with you."

R. M. O.: "And I won't be friends with you."

NURSE: "And I won't be friends with you."

CHORUS OF "LITTLE PITCHERS": "And *we* won't be friends with you."

JOHN REID (aged 4): "Weel! I'll juist be freens wi' my *ain* sel."

JOHN REID: (supposed to be unaware of having undergone major operation, to Chief) "The last time you pit me thro' an operation, you took my leg awa', but just *wait* till my feyther comes, *he'll* sort you."

Nursing Echoes.

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HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF CONNAUGHT has promised to give a silver spoon to the first child born in the new hospital for soldiers' wives and children recently opened at Aldershot. The Hospital has 53 beds, and has been built at a cost of £12,000. The medical and nursing staff are to be congratulated that, of the 900 maternity cases treated

in the old hospital, which, like all the other huts at Aldershot, is doomed to demolition, not one life was lost.

* * * THE building of the new Home for the Nurses of the Hospital for Consumption, Brompton, is to be begun at once. The announcement will, no doubt, give much satisfaction to the Nurses of that Institution.

* * * THE *Charity Record* states that the whole system of Nursing at the City of London Hospital for Chest Diseases, at Victoria Park, has recently been re-organized. The Nursing Staff will in future number thirty, including four Sisters, two Charge Nurses, twelve Staff Nurses, and twelve Probationers.

* * * It is extraordinary how Boards of Guardians, and even medical men try to evade, or to ignore, the recent order of the Local Government Board that paupers shall not be employed as nurses. The undesirability of pauper nurses has been demonstrated, beyond all question, and in nursing circles at least, there was but one opinion as to the urgent necessity for the Local Government Board order. But over and over again we find efforts made to circumvent this order. For instance, some time ago the Local Government Board directed the Ballycastle Guardians to appoint a third nurse in their infirmary, and the guardians, with the doctor's approval, appointed a pauper. This appointment the Local Government Board refused to sanction, but a compromise was arrived at upon the suggestion of the doctor that the Local Government Board should refrain from taking further

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