

with a face full of sympathy said: "I didn't understand—forgive me!" and with that love which comes from God, he forgot his own feelings and helped the young widower to nurse the wailing child, and strange to say those cries ceased to irritate him.

The Bishop of London who had just arrived from the Church Congress, and who had been standing at the door, listening to Lady Henry, then came forward and said that he had come because he knew it was a good work and believed in the Church backing all real works of Charity. He had expected to see a handful of people, and was surprised to see the large assembly gathered. He had heard Lady Henry's two touching stories of the widow and widower and felt certain that these crèches were the greatest help to parents and a boon to children and was it not Ruskin who said that the riches of a country are the children. The future of the country depended on them. Before coming in he had visited the crèche and commended the ladies for the hard work it had meant. It was not one of the efforts which pauperises people, for the mothers had to pay (4d. a day for one child, 7d. for two, 10d. for three, and 1s. for four) for the care and keep of the children, while they were at work. There was room for about fifty babies and children ranging from one month old to five years and he hoped the Nursery would soon be crammed with babies every day.

The Mayor closed the meeting by a few suitable remarks and we all crossed the road and soon filled the house which had been taken for the purpose, at a rent of £42 a year and containing eleven rooms. Needless to say that the ladies had brought into their arrangements all the wisdom, love, care, and refinement imaginable. Pale green tinted walls, fascinating nursery dados and friezes, sweet cots and beds for the children to rest in during the day, an isolation ward for suspicious cases, two day nurseries, and best of all a bath-room with two delightful looking square deep baths of white porcelain with hot and cold water taps and just high enough to enable the nurses to bath the children while they stood, instead of having to stoop.

The staff consists of a Matron, a nurse, an under-nurse, and one servant. Unfortunately, none of these have had any hospital experience, which would be most obviously invaluable.

Mrs. and Miss Levy, who had charge of the linen cupboard, and who have worked so hard to fill it, will be glad to receive gifts of old sheets, blankets, rugs, and old clothes. The Home still requires children's chairs and a rocking-horse to complete it.

Any gifts addressed to her or to Miss Kenland, the hon. secretary, or the Matron, to 135, Blythe Road, Hammersmith, W., will be gratefully acknowledged.

E. R. W.

On Tuesday afternoon, November 6th, a concert is to be given at 35, Grosvenor Square, by permission of the Duke of Somerset, in aid of the funds of the Royal Ear Hospital, Dean Street, Soho, which for ninety years has been doing good work in Soho, and is the oldest institution in Europe for the treatment of aural and allied diseases. Tickets, one guinea each, may be obtained from the Duchess of Somerset, 35, Grosvenor Square, or the Secretary of the Royal Ear Hospital, Dean Street, Soho.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales has graciously consented to become patroness of the City of London Lying-in Hospital, which is now being rebuilt.



Princess Victoria of Schleswig Holstein recently motored from Cumberland Lodge, Windsor, to Winchester and, after lunching with Sir William and Lady Portal, and seeing over the great hall of the castle containing King Arthur's Round Table, paid a visit to the Royal Hants County Hospital, Winchester.

It is proposed shortly to commence the construction, at a total estimated cost of £12,000, of a new male infirmary in connection with the present Holloway sanatorium, where very urgent need exists for special accommodation for sick and paralysed male patients. Spacious airing grounds are provided in front of the infirmary.

Mrs. Helen McEwan, of 16, Charles Street, W., has left half of the residue of her estate, which will probably amount to £14,000, to the Royal Hospital, Chelsea, S.W.

Mr. Arthur W. Davis, who has occupied the position of chief organising secretary to the Hospital Saturday Fund during the past twelve years, has been unanimously elected secretary of the fund, at a salary of £250 per annum, in the place of Mr. W. G. Bunn, who has just resigned after seventeen years' service, on account of ill-health. Mr. Bunn will be the recipient, in due course, of a testimonial.

Mr. George Herring, treasurer of the North-West London Hospital, Kentish Town Road, has notified that at least £3,000 will be required over and above the ordinary income to meet the year's expenditure. To raise this amount the committee appeals for 60,000 shillings, for which purpose collecting cards are issued, prizes being offered to those who collect the largest amounts by the Marquis Camden (President), Lord Rathmore (Chairman), Mr. George Herring, Mr. William Herring, Mrs. Bischoffsheim, Mrs. Khelat Darley, and others. Surely aid should be accorded to the charity on its own merits, rather than on the stimulus of prizes.

Last week the foundation stone of the new Benjamin Bousfield Swan memorial ophthalmic wards, an important addition to the Royal Hospital, Richmond, was laid by the Mayor, Councillor W. Sandover, J.P. The new wards are to be built through the generosity of Mrs. Swan, in memory of her late husband, a sum of £4,000, with £1,600 in addition for equipment, having been placed at the disposal of the committee. The building is to comprise male and female wards, with an operating theatre and nurses' rooms.

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