

### The Hospital World.

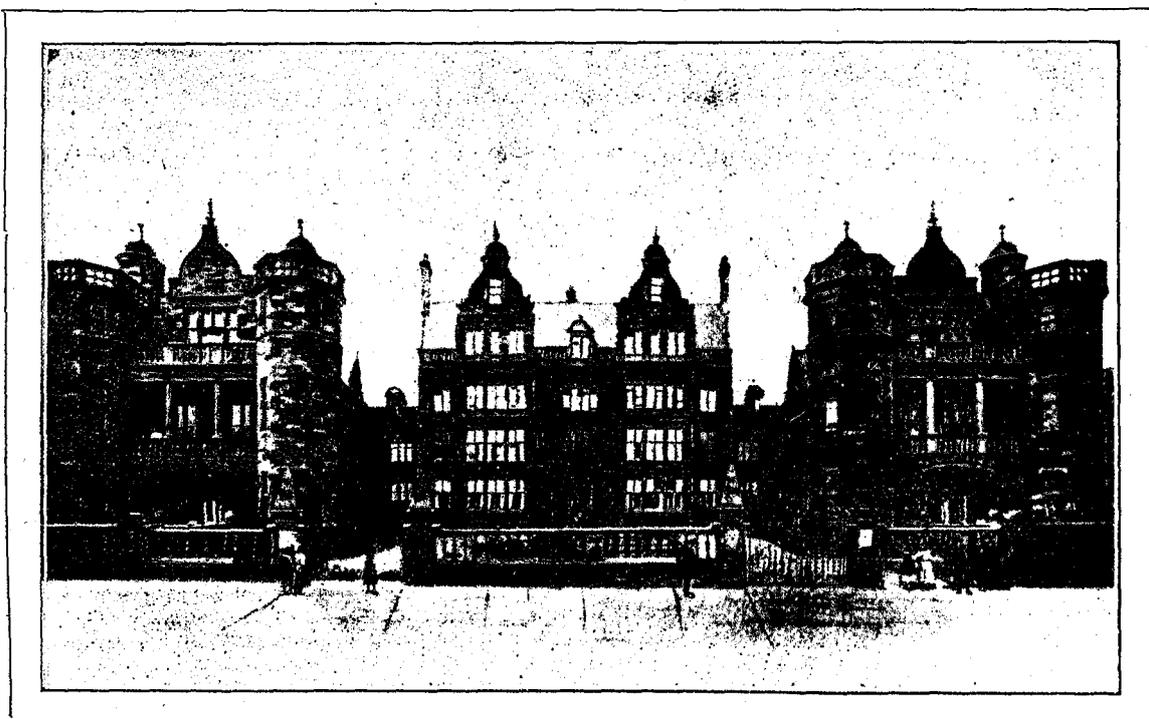
#### THE ROYAL EDINBURGH HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.

Every large city should have its Children's Hospital, as the care of sick children needs so much special organisation, and it can be best effected where the whole routine of management converges to provide for their special needs. Especially is this true in connection with the nursing department, and an article might be devoted to that matter alone.

At Edinburgh, quite one of the handsomest hospitals devoted to the care of the little people has been built in recent years, and

which is built of a lovely pale pink stone, is undeniably a very beautiful institution, and the whole interior is tastefully arranged and furnished. It is a very busy hospital, the total number of patients treated in the wards and in the out-patient department last year, numbering no less than 29,261, whilst ten years ago, the number was only 14,441. It is to be regretted that the subscriptions in support of the hospital have not mounted up with the same rapidity.

The Directors, Medical Staff, and the Matron all work together in the utmost harmony, and we note with pleasure in this year's report that the Directors state their special



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under the superintendence of Miss Kathleen L. Burleigh, the Matron, its nursing department has acquired an honourable reputation throughout Scotland, for the training of nurses and general good management. Just here one might note that Miss Burleigh is of opinion that young nurses find the environment of a children's ward very sympathetic, and that it is an excellent plan for them to begin their nursing career in a children's hospital, but she invariably encourages them to realise that it is of the utmost importance, if they wish to be thoroughly qualified they should proceed to pass through the curriculum of an adult general hospital.

The Edinburgh Children's Hospital,

thanks are due to the Matron and the members of the Nursing Staff. "They realise how greatly the Hospital owes its success to the care bestowed by them on the patients."

Also that out of the ten nurses who completed their training and received certificates during the year, six left for further training in other hospitals.

The hospital was formerly under a great disadvantage from the want of a Convalescent Home, to which patients might be sent for a short period to confirm their recovery before returning to their own homes. Through the beneficence of the late Miss Mary Jane Meikleham, of Muirfield House, Gullane, the Directors have now been enabled to undertake the

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