

Infants' Health Exhibition.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany, who was attended by Lady Collins and Captain Seymour, on Monday opened the Infants' Health Exhibition organised by the Incorporated Institute of Hygiene at the premises of the Institute, Devonshire Street, Harley Street, W. Her Royal Highness was received by Sir William Bennett, president of the Institute, and other members of the Council.

Sir William Bennett, in asking the Duchess of Albany to open the exhibition, said that in the struggle for supremacy the nation, which was individually and collectively the most healthy physically and morally, would survive, and since the child was father to the man it was a logical sequence that the nation which reared the healthiest children would have at its back the strongest men and women.

Her Royal Highness, after formally declaring the exhibition open, made a tour of inspection.

The model ward, organised by the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, E., and in charge of members of the nursing staff of the Hospital, attracted, as it deserved, much admiration. Its walls are lined, as are those at the hospital, with white and green tiles, and the arrangements reflect great credit on all concerned. We hope to again direct attention to other exhibits, which are well arranged and of considerable interest.

The Opening of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester.

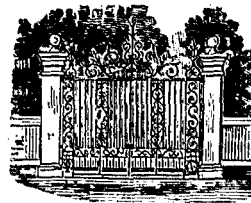
The new Royal Infirmary, Manchester, which, during the present week, is on view to the public, will undoubtedly rank as one of the finest hospitals in the United Kingdom. It provides beds for 592 patients, and a staff of 339 resident officers, nurses, and servants, and is the latest exposition of what is best in hospital architecture. The Nurses' Home, in addition to the general rooms, contains 189 separate bedrooms, each of which has an inlet ventilator and an outlet ventilating shaft connecting directly with a main airway on the roof, from which an electric fan draws the air, creating a ventilation current, out of each room. Hot water heating is provided except in the sitting rooms, and—a practical detail—the outside of the windows of the upper storeys can be cleaned from the inside of the rooms. On a future occasion we hope to give an adequate account of this splendid institution, which pressure on our space does not, we regret to say, permit us to do this week.

The Princess of Wales has extended her patronage to the special matinée of the play of "Charles I." to be given at the Shaftesbury Theatre by Mr. H. B. Irving and Miss Dorothea Baird in aid of the School and Restaurant for Nursing Mothers, Soho, Town.

The Local Government Board medical report, just issued, shows that, while the number of children born and vaccinated decreased in 1905, the number of exemptions for conscientious objection and other reasons rose from 40,461 to 44,369.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN



The organisers of the Conference convened by the National Union of Women Workers at Aberdeen deserve the highest praise, and limited space alone prevents us dealing at length with the valuable information presented in the many admirable papers.

Domestic science, nurses' registration, and sweated industries were the three questions brought before the National Council's Annual Meeting. The following resolution was passed by a large majority, proposed by Miss Maud R. Taylor, of the Association of Teachers of Domestic Science: "That, in the opinion of the National Council of Women of Great Britain and Ireland it is of urgent importance that domestic science shall in future be considered as an optional subject in the examinations in secondary schools by the various examining boards." The Nurses' resolution was also accepted, but upon the motion of Mrs. Creighton the consideration of the resolution on sweated industries, proposed by Miss B. M. Shera, on behalf of the Christian Social Union, was postponed for a year.

The result of the election of officers was announced as follows:—

President—Mrs. Edwin Gray.

Vice-Presidents—Countess of Aberdeen, Mrs. S. A. Barnett, London; Lady Battersea, Mrs. Alfred Booth, Mrs. George Cadbury, Miss Clifford, Mrs. Creighton, Mrs. Randall Davidson, Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava, Mrs. Alfred Emmott, Mrs. Forbes of Rothiemay, Mrs. Ogilvie-Gordon, D.Sc., Ph.D.; Mrs. Greenlees, Mrs. Haslam, Lady Knightley of Fawsley, Miss F. H. Melville, Countess of Moray, Lady Laura Ridding, Miss Soulsby, Miss H. M. White, LL.D.; Mrs. E. J. Wilson.

Executive Committee—Mrs. Allan H. Bright, Miss Olger Hertz, Miss Janes, Hon. Mrs. E. L. Franklin, Mrs. J. R. Macdonald, Miss Agnes Garrett, Mrs. W. H. Johnson, Dr. L. Martindale, Hon. Lily Montagu, Dr. Mary Murdoch, Mrs. Alfred Pollard, and Miss A. Scott.

Hon. Treasurer—Mrs. Rowland Prothero.

Hon. Vice-President—Lady Bunting.

Next year's conference will be held at Portsmouth.

We congratulate the National Union of Women Workers upon the re-election of Mrs. Edwin Gray, of York, as President, as she takes a most intelligent interest in health and nursing questions. The nurses' organisations affiliated to the Union are specially gratified that she is to preside for another year.

The daily press simply teems with the doings of Women Suffragists—constitutional and militant—

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