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## THE INFANTS' HOSPITAL.

The Englishwoman has refused to insert an article prepared by the Hon. Albinia Brodrick on Nursing in Military Auxiliary Hospitals, and warmly supports flooding our Nurse Training Schools with short-term probationers—to their inevitable disorganization. If the Englishwoman stands, as it purports to do, for woman's suffrage and sound economic conditions for women, its present attitude towards professional opinion is sincerely to be deplored.

The Isabel Hampton Robb Memorial Scholarship Fund offers annually a number of scholarships to American graduate nurses of approved qualifications who desire to prepare themselves for further service in some branch of nursing or health work, or who seek opportunities for study and investigation of some special problem in nursing.

Three scholarships, each of the value of 200 dollars, are available for the year 1915-1916, if satisfactory candidates present themselves for work, which may be carried on either in the Department of Nursing and Health at Teachers' College, Columbia University; at the School for Social Workers and Instructive Visiting Nurse Association at Boston; at the School of Civics, Chicago; or at the Henry Phipps Institute, with the Visiting Nurse Society, and the Philadelphia Training School for Social Work. The candidates will be expected to meet the educational requirements of the schools and colleges mentioned, as well as those of the Committee of the Fund.

The Nursing Journal of India has indeed sustained a great loss by the resignation of Mrs. Klosz as Editor, but the growing demands of her young family have made this step necessary. The various collaborators have, however, risen to the occasion, and an excellent number for March has appeared. The Matrons and Nurses in India have proved themselves inspired by high professional ideals, and we feel sure they realise the value of a voice in the Press, and will keep it audible.

The difficulty of nursing typhoid in the jungle is graphically described in an unsigned paper, and we are glad to note that Recreation is recommended as a Duty. The Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, has always a special interest, for it is the first hospital of its kind in Europe, and is deserving of all support, as it is the only hospital in the kingdom devoted to the study of the diseases and disorders of nutrition in infants, and their treatment upon a scientific basis, a subject on which its senior physician, Dr. Ralph Vincent, is an enthusiast as well as an expert.

On Wednesday, March 24th, after the annual meeting, held in the lecture hall, at which purely formal business was transacted, the hospital was on view, as well as the new Nurses' Home, Out-patient Department, and Research Laboratories on the opposite side of the road.

The babies in their pretty white cots, with big pink bows, were charming, those who had been some time in the hospital lively and alert, and with the glow of returning health. It was easy to pick out those who had recently been admitted by their apathy and listlessness. One wonders how these babies fare when they return to their homes, and it was satisfactory to hear from a Sister, that they are brought periodically to the Out-patient Department after their discharge, and usually their progress is satisfactory.

The Out-patient Department is most conveniently arranged, with consulting rooms for the staff, and ample waiting accommodation for mothers.

But the very heart of the institution, and its most important department, because there all the problems are worked out which affect not only the babies in the wards, but a far larger number, through the scientific knowledge gained there, and given out to the world, is the Research Laboratory, and no pains have been spared to make this as perfect as possible. The system of lighting is wonderfully effective and excellent. There is no glare of light in one place, and darkness or shadows in another, but the electric lamps enclosed in opaque glasses, in the form of an inverted half globe, reflect their light on to the ceiling, from which it is again reflected and equally distributed over the room, so that every part is light.

the room, so that every part is light. The Hospital has always made a special point of providing comfortable quarters for its nursing staff, and in the new building they have not only a charming sitting-room, amply provided with comfortable chairs, but a writingroom where those who wish to write lectures or letters, can do so in peace and quietness unknown to a former generation of nurses.

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