

arrangements have been made, as an experiment for a limited period, for twelve probationers from the Park Hospital to be given training in acute fever hospitals every six months. The probationers will be not less than twenty-one years of age, and will continue to receive the scale salary specified for the children's service.

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King and Queen hope to attend a Matinée at the Palladium Theatre, on Tuesday, the 17th March, in aid of the Fund for the Re-building of the Chelsea Hospital for Women which will shortly be commenced on the new site presented by Earl Cadogan.

It is to be regretted that the collections in the various places of worship in support of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund is £7,432 less in 1913 than in the previous year.

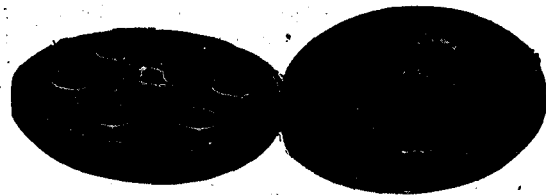
The Women's Hospital for Children, 688, Harrow Road, W., is doing a large amount of good work under very modest conditions; the neighbourhood is a very populous and poor one, and the large number of children attending the out-patient department, where they have the advantage of the care of such well-known medical women as Dr. Flora Murray and Dr. Louisa Garrett Anderson, made some in-patient beds an urgent necessity. At present there is provision for four beds, two cots, and a bassinette, rooms of a private house having been adapted to form a ward. It is much to be desired that some good friend of the children should support the work which is being so ably carried on with the funds to provide a hospital built for the purpose. Just now nurses are needed for the hospital, and the committee are anxious to find those who have had experience in children's work as well as general training. The present staff work in three shifts of nine hours, so that no one is over-worked. Given the right kind of woman the committee are willing to consider applications from those above the usual age. Their desire is to secure nurses who are competent, conscientious, and will carry out medical orders faithfully and exactly. Such nurses might have a very happy time, and do good work.

In view of the large number of applications for permission to attend separate lectures of the Post-Graduate Course on the Feeding and Care of Infants, the National Association for the Prevention of Infant Mortality has decided to issue tickets at 1s. each for any single lecture that students may desire to attend. Prospectuses and tickets may be obtained from the Secretary at 4, Tavistock Square, W.C.

Roger Bacon, the greatest scientist of the thirteenth century, first suggested the use of lenses for the cure of eye defects. Dr. Langdon Down, speaking at a meeting of the Psychological Society, made this interesting statement, but added that the making of the spectacles was carried out by Italian mechanics.

THE "THWAITES" HOT-AIR BED RADIATOR.

We cordially commend to the attention of our readers the "Thwaites" Hot-air Bed Radiator, a new invention, which can advantageously be used where the employment of heat for warming beds and other purposes is indicated. The heater, which is enclosed in an outer case, made of tin, aluminium, copper, brass, or nickel, is prepared by placing it on a gas stove or gas ring for six or seven minutes; when thoroughly hot it is placed in the case immediately, with a pair of tongs (which can, if necessary, be supplied) and the lid screwed on. It is then slipped into a thick woollen cover, and when placed in a bed retains its heat for many hours. Besides being useful where the application of heat is desirable in illness, for the alleviation of pain, the radiator will keep unoccupied beds aired, and, as it is compact and portable, it has a wide field of usefulness as a foot-warmer in motor cars and carriages.



As there is nothing to get out of order, it should last for years, and hospital authorities, proprietors of Nursing Homes, and all concerned in the nursing of the sick should acquaint themselves with its special points. The price, including cover, varies from 10s. 6d. to 25s. A muff warmer, on the same principle, costs 6s. It is sold by all the leading chemists, stores, and ironmongers, or direct, and post free, on receipt of cheque or postal order, from J. Thwaites & Co., 38, Colville Terrace, London, W.

COLONIAL NURSING ASSOCIATION.

At the forthcoming Medical, Nursing and Health Exhibition and Conference, to be held in Glasgow, next month, the Colonial Nursing Association have arranged to send a representative, who will speak on nursing work in the Colonies. There will also be a Bureau of Information in connection with the Association, where full particulars can be obtained.

The office of the Colonial Nursing Association is at the Imperial Institute, S.W., where trained nurses desiring work in the Crown Colonies should apply. Lord Ampthill, that very good friend of nurses, is the President.

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