

this block are staff bedrooms for those on duty there. Of their two years' training, students must spend nine months in the Baby Wards.

Just outside the Babies' Wing, one sees the Foundation Stone, inscribed "To the Glory of God. This stone of the new building was set by Her Grace the Duchess of Norfolk on November 3rd, 1949, for the health and happiness of little children."

A new and very fine main Kitchen is visited; among much cooking of interest, the children's high Tea for 4 o'clock is in preparation—grated cheese and beetroot (which they love), home made buns with jam, etc., looked very inviting, and we were informed there is always a Birthday, and, of course, a Cake!

All produce comes from the Home Farm, and every student must spend one month in the general kitchen.

the Matron hears the children say their prayers and hymn, chosen by the children. The children's health is supervised by two Doctors, who attend daily.

The Old Manor House.

A few minutes' walk from the main building is the lovely old Manor House, said to have been the Hunting Lodge of King John, and which was put at the disposal of the School by Mr. A. M. Holman and now utilised as a hostel for teaching staff and students under the care of the Warden. Although bombed during the War, it has been repaired, and is a perfectly beautiful building within and without; every modern device for home comfort has been installed as a self-contained house; central heating, an excellent main kitchen equipped with Aga stove, and yet all its ancient beauty still remains.



Having a lovely time in the Playing Field, Dedisham.

We soon came to the children's Rest Room, a real sun trap and open to the air. The Gymnasium, too, has proved so satisfactory for the children, that a fully trained Therapist from Mrs. Dane's Training School is now on the staff.

We pass next into the bigger children's School Room, where all had just finished their dinner. The Head Teacher and Her Assistant showed us how the children were making their own Christmas Cards, some quite amusing and surprising. As they sat, all were eager to claim the Matron's attention, who seemed to know them all—little Freddy pointing to the star chart, which marks his achievements! Little tables and chairs of oak furnish the School and Playrooms. In the Playing Field, opened by the Duchess of Kent, there are the helter-skelter, climbing frame, and the roundabout, always very much in demand.

There are two resident teachers under the auspices of the Board of Education, and religious teaching is given by the Head Teacher every morning. In the evening, after their bedside story given by a student in charge of each dormitory,

The wonderful progress attained in the last decade in this children's Paradise, made possible by the beneficent generosity of Mr. and the Hon. Mrs. A. M. Holman is a twofold blessing—a great service is rendered to humanity, and the value of the required training (which makes "little mothers" of the young students) gives a unique preparation for general training.

In appreciation of her voluntary services at the Dedisham Convalescent Nursery School, during the absence of the Matron, Miss Beatrice West, S.R.N., has been appointed a member of the Management Committee.

A. S. B.

Ye are better than all the balads
That were ever sung or said;
For ye are the living poems.
And all the rest are dead.

LONGFELLOW.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)