

where lectures have been given under the Technical Education Scheme.

Great appreciation was expressed by all the speakers of the admirable way in which Miss Lankester, as Secretary, has furthered the interests of the Society.

Among those present were Lady Margaret Cecil, Lady Fry, Lady Duckworth, Sir W. and Lady Priestley, Prof. and Mrs. Max Müller, Sir D. and Lady Galton, Sir Spencer and Miss Wells, Dr. and Mrs. Thorne Thorne, Prof. Ray Lankester, Mrs. David Carmichael, Hon. Mrs. Cavendish, Hon. Arthur and Mrs. Lawley.

### Our Foreign Letter.

THE VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN,  
TORONTO, ONTARIO.

THE present Victoria Hospital, Toronto, was erected in the year 1891, at a cost of \$100,000. The \$20,000 set apart by the City of Toronto in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee was presented to the Board of Trust in connection with this Hospital, therefore the name Victoria Hospital.

It stands upon the site formerly occupied by a cottage containing two rooms, in which, in the year 1876, there was one bed set apart for the use of sick children, and maintained by two benevolent ladies. The work begun by these ladies, more than eighteen years ago in earnestness and faith, has multiplied an hundred-fold, for the present Hospital has the honour of being, with one exception, the largest children's hospital in the world. There are seventeen public wards, besides a number of private rooms, which are capable of accommodating, in all, 170 patients.

The cots are of iron, painted blue, and finished in brass. At the head of each is a tablet on which the name of the cot is inscribed. The building is furnished with all the latest modern appliances, together with dressing-rooms adjoining the surgical wards, operating rooms, and lecture rooms.

Children suffering from contagious diseases are not admitted as patients, but should such diseases develop, a number of wards are so arranged as to secure complete isolation from the main building. Covered verandahs open out from the various wards, making it possible for the Nurses to wheel the cots out into the sunshine, without causing discomfort to the patients or weariness to the Nurse. Added to this, there is also a fine school-room, where, for a certain number of hours daily, children who are physically able are taught by a fully qualified and competent teacher.

In connection with this Hospital is a beautiful summer retreat situated on an island about two and a half miles from the city. It is called the Lakeside Home, and was erected at a cost of \$25,000, and presented by Mr. John Ross Robertson, President of the Board of Trust.

This is the largest Children's Sanatorium in the world, and it is open during the entire summer for not only convalescent children from the Victoria

Hospital, but also to all children who may require it, throughout the length and breadth of the province.

There is also a Training School for Nurses in connection with this Hospital, which has been in operation for the last eight years. The course extends over a period of two years, lectures being conducted by the visiting doctors. At the completion of her course, each Nurse who has passed her examination successfully receives a certificate and badge.

The indoor uniform consists of a dress of light blue gingham, white apron, cap and kerchief; while the out-door costume consists of a cloak of dark navy serge, small bonnet and veil. Miss K. Underhill is the Lady Superintendent.

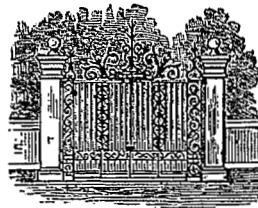
The cost of maintenance is \$100 per year, per patient, and many private individuals, as well as various societies and organizations, are pleased to aid in this most estimable charity.

Does it not seem wiser and more unselfish to raise such a memorial—a memorial which may bring comfort and blessing to some sick and suffering child who is left in this world to battle with disease, rather than carve the name of the loved one in marble? The marble memorial is often beautiful, but the little ones who are taken to the Father's Home above will never more be heard to say, "I am sick."

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### — Outside the Gates. —

WHAT WOMEN ARE DOING IN THE CAUSE OF HEALTH.



Responding to the invitation of the West Hartlepool District Nursing Association, Miss ANNELLY KENEALY lately gave an address on the above subject at the fourth annual meeting of the Society at the Athenæum. The Major (Alderman SUGGITT) took the chair, and there was a large attendance.

The Major, in introducing Miss KENEALY, said they all appreciated her kindness in coming from London to help on their Association, which was doing a valuable work, and had the sympathy of all classes of the community.

The Secretary, Mrs. BAINES, presented the report of the year's work, and drew attention to the practical interest shown by the men belonging to the iron works and various shipping yards in their subscriptions during the year. She congratulated the community on the growth of the work, evidenced by the appointment of a third Nurse, whose services are available for the Nursing of such patients as are able to pay a small fee; one shilling being charged for a visit not exceeding one hour, and five shillings

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