

The Children's Season.

Christmas is pre-eminently the children's season. Others may hail it with mixed feelings of pleasure and pain, but to the children it is a dream of delight, unalloyed, fascinating. How they long for Christmas morning to arrive, and scamper to the stockings hung up the night before, if, perchance, Santa Claus has touched them with his fairy wand during the night, and seldom are they disappointed.

In Children's Hospitals, ward sisters and nurses have their hands full in preparing for the festive season, and devising desirable gifts for their little charges, so that Christmas in hospital may be a time to be long remembered. And nowhere in London is Christmas honoured with greater observance, or is Father Christmas more bounteous than in Barton Ward at the London Homœopathic Hospital. We many of us know this ward, and enjoy a visit to it at all times; its arrangements are so dainty, its small patients manifestly so happy and well cared for, but at Christmas time their cup of happiness is filled to overflowing, and their delight in the good things the tree has in store for them is a pleasant sight to the visitors who are fortunate enough to receive an invitation to see it stripped from Sister Marian, the good genius of the ward.

Appointments.**LADY SUPERINTENDENT.**

Miss Elizabeth Holloway has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Victoria Nursing Institution, Walsall

MATRON.

Miss M. Cecil Lewis has been appointed Matron of the Lloyd Cottage Hospital, Bridlington. She was trained at the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan (where she also held the position of Sister. She has also been Sister and deputy Matron at the Infirmary, Southport, and holds the certificate of the London Obstetrical Society.

HOME SISTER.

Miss M. Elliott has been appointed Home Sister at the Wandsworth and Clapham Infirmary. She was trained at the Western Hospital, Glasgow, and has held the positions of Charge Nurse at Lady Hope's Convalescent Home, Lanark, and of Ward Sister and Night Superintendent at the Southwark Infirmary, East Dulwich.

Miss Laura M. W. Clayson has been appointed Home Sister at the West Derby Union Infirmary, Liverpool. She was trained at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, where she has also held the position of Sister.

The International Congress of Nurses.**SUMMARY OF SESSION ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF HOSPITALS.****THE RELATION OF THE NURSES' TRAINING SCHOOL TO THE HOSPITAL.**

Those of us who entered hospitals to nurse the sick, for we were not systematically trained in the seventies, remember that the last era of the control of hospital nursing by Anglican Sisterhoods was flickering out. In London, Charing Cross and King's College hospitals were "nursed by" the Sisters of St. John, University College Hospital by the Community of All Saints, and the nursing of the Westminster Hospital was, as it is now, under the direction of the Westminster Training School for Nurses, an outside organization.

Gradually as nursing became a clearly defined profession for women, as apart from a philanthropic vocation, Committees of hospitals found it a more satisfactory system to organize and control their own nursing schools, and no school of importance in Great Britain is now managed by an outside body. Discussion on this point at the Congress brought out the fact, that the large majority of the more recently established nursing schools in every country have been organized in this way, and they form an important integral part of the general constitution. In recognizing the educational value of the hospital for nurses, in conjunction with the value of the nurses' labour for the hospital, many Committees in the States have realised in the fullest sense their duty to their nursing staff, and have provided Nurses' Homes which are, in fact, nursing colleges, fitted not only with every necessary comfort for rest and recreation, but also with class-rooms, and educational facilities, such as few of our nurses enjoy in this country.

On the other hand, the pioneer work accomplished by thoughtful women in their labour of love in organizing in the past externe schools of nurses, and thus bringing into many great City hospital wards in the States skilled and conscientious care for the terribly neglected sick, is a national work which must never be underestimated or forgotten, and some of these Training Schools for Nurses still retain the confidence of the Trustees and Directors of the great hospitals, such are Bellevue in New York, and the Cook County and Presbyterian hospitals in Chicago, both nursed by the Illinois Training School. These externe schools are usually managed by a Board of Women Managers, with an Advisory Board of men, and nothing can be more harmonious than the relations existing between the "Board ladies"

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