

Annotations.

THE QUEEN PRESIDES.

PARTICULARS OF THE CORONATION BAZAAR TO HELP SICK CHILDREN.

The Queen will open the very large bazaar in aid of the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond-street, which will be held in the grounds of the Hospital in July.

This famous hospital was one of the first, if not the very first, children's hospital in Great Britain, and this year it is celebrating its jubilee.

The great garden is to be roofed in in the form of a twelve-sided court joined by two main avenues meeting in the centre at the tea-terrace, while everything will be done in a scheme of white and green.

The guide and souvenir which are being prepared will surpass anything of the kind ever seen before.

LIKE MASTER LIKE MAN.

Are hospital porters polite to the poor? This is a question which has recently attracted attention. The answer is not one which can be given off hand, or which is the same in relation to all institutions. We are inclined to think that the manners of porters may be estimated by those of the official who controls them. As the nursing staff of a hospital take their tone from the Matron, so the porters adopt the tone that prevails in the Secretary's office. If these officials treat visitors and patients with courtesy their subordinates will, as a rule, do likewise. The question is largely one of example and discipline. Personally we have received much courtesy from hospital porters; on the other hand at some institutions the manners of these officials have been very much the reverse of polite, and we know of instances of visits made by persons well and liberally disposed towards hospitals which have not been repeated owing to the casual reception they received. One word we must say for the often tried hospital porter. The out-patient department of hospitals is often under-staffed and without a certain amount of push and decision of manner, which may at times appear brusque, he would never get through the work demanded of him at all.

THE INVALID CHILDREN'S AID ASSOCIATION.

Viscount Knutsford presided last week at the Annual Meeting of the Invalid Children's Aid Association, and commented on the extreme

utility of, and need for, the work and the admirable way in which it was done. Over 1,000 cases had been supplied with surgical appliances, or had been sent to nursing or convalescent homes, during the past year, while 658 had been helped in other ways. Professor Isambard Owen, in urging the care of invalid children, spoke of the need for the dissemination of knowledge as to the use of food among the working classes. Many starved on supplies which would feed double the number in France.

THE PREVENTION OF CONSUMPTION.

At the third Annual Meeting of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption, the Council presented a satisfactory report. It announced that the King had consented to become a patron of the Association, and the Prince of Wales to accept the position of President. A Royal Commission had been appointed to enquire into the relation between human and bovine tuberculosis, new branches of the Association were being formed, the open-air treatment of tuberculosis is extending, and knowledge in regard to the disease is being disseminated. Progress is hoped for in the future in the following directions:—(1) the suppression of indiscriminate spitting as a danger and a nuisance; (2) the voluntary notification of phthisis; (3) the general recognition of the fact that foul air is as great a menace to health as foul water.

THE LIVERPOOL SCHOOL OF TROPICAL MEDICINE.

The third annual report of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine is a most satisfactory document. Eight expeditions have now been sent out in all to the tropics for purposes of medical research and for the promulgation of sanitary measures. During the past year the students of the school included medical men from Canada, India, East Africa, Sierra Leone, Uganda, Germany, Belgium and Sweden. The cases treated included beri-beri, sunstroke, blackwater fever, dysentery, enlarged spleen, and malaria. Various publications dealing with tropical diseases have also been issued including an important monograph on filariasis. Mr. Chamberlain, in acknowledging the receipt of the report forwarded to him, has conveyed to the Hon. Secretary of the School his hearty congratulations on the splendid work which is being carried on by it in the study of tropical diseases.

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