

The joint committee for the removal of King's College Hospital to South London have received a further cheque for £200 from the Company of Carpenters, being the final instalment of their donation of £600 to the fund.

The Duchess of Somerset has forwarded £160 to the Royal Ear Hospital, Dean Street, Soho, the amount raised by the Concert at 35 Grosvenor Square on the 6th inst.

Many of the children's wards in our hospitals appear like fairyland to those who enter them, and are so beautiful that the poor little inmates are greatly distracted from their woes. The fashion of covering the walls with panelled tiles forming pictures illustrating nursery rhymes of the most artistic order is much on the increase, so the charity ball which Mrs. Albert Lord is organising in Newcastle has the object in view of raising £300 to defray the cost of picture tiles in one of the children's wards at the Royal Victoria Infirmary. We hope Mrs. Lord will evoke the charitable sympathy of the residents of this wealthy city.

Dr. Cantlie, lecturing on Physical Efficiency at Marischal College, Aberdeen, gave some very practical advice. He said, amongst other things, that the presence or absence of hair had not necessarily anything to do with physical efficiency. He proceeded to show how baldness was due to the shape of the head. A hat touched a bullet-shaped head all the way round, and so prevented the blood from reaching the hair, thus causing baldness. In dealing with the feet, he said that nowadays the foot was made to fit the boot, which was not as it should be. The point of the boot was placed right in the middle whereas the big toe was the longest, so that the foot had to be distorted to fit the boot. Shoemakers had not a correct idea of the shape of the foot as they measured over the stockings, and were, therefore, not qualified to shape the boot. That should be done by medical men. Continuing, he advocated the wearing of separate braces, as he maintained that the ordinary kind prevented a man from standing erect and caused round shoulders. Belts should be worn below the level of the haunch bones, and not round the waist. The cause of so many boys of tender years being delicate was that they were insufficiently clad. They should have a pound of clothing for every stone weight of their body. People wanted to be properly clothed round the loins and the waist. That was where the warmth was required. Kilts were excellent articles of clothing, as they kept the wearer warm on the exact parts where warmth was wanted. The Highland soldiers in South Africa escaped dysentery out of all proportion to the other soldiers. He deprecated the use of perambulators, as he said the occupant was compelled to sit or rather lie in an unnatural position. Children should be carried in the arms, as they should be kept in contact with the woman's body. The reason why perambulators were used was because women were not physically fit to carry them.

The Central Midwives' Board.

THE OCTOBER EXAMINATION.

An analysis of the authorities under which the 346 successful candidates, out of the 446 examined at the recent examination of the Central Midwives received their tuition, shows that 262 were sent up by the training schools, and 84 by private teachers.

The results work out thus:—

Queen Charlotte's Hospital	31
Maternity Charity, Plaistow	26
General Lying-in Hospital (York Road, Lambeth)	25
Clapham Maternity Hospital	13
St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester	12
Rotunda Hospital, Dublin	12
London Hospital... ..	11
Liverpool Lying-in Hospital	10
Guy's Institution... ..	7
East End Mother's Home	7
Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool	7
Bristol Royal Infirmary... ..	7
Chorlton Union Hospitals	6
Glasgow Maternity Hospital	6
Belfast Union Maternity Hospital	6
Brighton and Hove Hospital for Women	6
Birmingham Workhouse Infirmary	5
Royal Derbyshire Nursing Association... ..	4
Cheltenham District Nursing Association	4
Walton Workhouse, Liverpool	4
Ipswich Nurses' Home	3
Newport and Monmouthshire Hospital... ..	3
Gloucester District Nursing Society	3
Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot	3
Regions Beyond Missionary Union	3
Benevolent Institution, Chester	3
Newcastle-on-Tyne Lying-in Hospital	3
City of London Lying-in Hospital	3
Dundee Maternity Hospital	3
Birkenhead Maternity Hospital	2
Cardiff Union Infirmary	2
Bristol General Hospital	2
Western District Hospital, Glasgow	2
Salvation Army Maternity Hospital	2
Q.V.J.I.N., Cardiff	2
Jessop Hospital, Sheffield	2
Edinburgh Royal Maternity Hospital	2
New Hospital for Women	2
West Ham Union Infirmary	2
Military Families' Hospital, Woolwich... ..	1
King's Norton Union Infirmary	1
Kingswood Cottage Nurses' Home	1
Coombe Hospital, Dublin	1
Hull Lying-in Charity	1
Sheffield Union Hospital	1
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Private Tuition	84
Total successful candidates	346

Of the private teachers Dr. A. B. Calder sent up 17 candidates, Dr. Smallwood Savage 9, Dr. W. L. Christie 6. The rest less than this number.

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