

A start has, however, been made. In a new house adjoining the acquired site at Holt, in Norfolk, amongst pine woods and near the sea, provision is made for 15 children where, under the matron and visiting medical officer and the advice of an hon. consulting physician, with signal success for nearly twelve months, children have been received. But this is all temporary until funds are sufficient to justify a start in building.

Donations and subscriptions may be paid to "The Children's Sanatorium Account" at Messrs. Hoares' Bank, 37, Fleet Street, E.C.

Most nurses hold the school where they received their training in honoured affection, and ever since the days we spent as a probationer at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, we have taken the warmest interest in all that concerns it. The appointment of a new Matron is a most important event in the history of any hospital, for on her depends the training and discipline of the nursing staff, and the efficiency of the domestic management.

Miss M. E. Sparshott has recently been appointed Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, and we have pleasure in publishing the excellent portrait of her which appears on this page.

Miss Sparshott passed her school days at the Clergy Daughters' School, Casterton, the school of "Jane Eyre." She received her professional training at the General Hospital, Nottingham, under Miss Knight, and at the conclusion of her three years' probation was appointed Sister of the men's accident and surgical ward, a position which she held for two years. In September, 1897, she went to the General Hospital, Birmingham, as Night Superintendent, just as the move was being made from the new hospital to the old, and remained there for three years, when she was appointed Matron of the Grimsby and District Hospital. In 1903 she resigned this position to take up that of Matron of the Royal

Infirmary, Derby, from which she was appointed to the important position of Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester. We wish her all success in her new work.

It is sad that Lieutenant de Tyssier, the gallant defender of the British Consulate at Casa Blanca against Arab hordes should just as he had successfully accomplished his task have been himself severely wounded. A graphic account of the encounter is given in

the *Daily Mail*, from which we learn that after receiving first aid at the British Consulate Lieutenant de Tyssier was taken to the French Consulate as a temporary hospital. Here he was cared for by Dr. Merle, a French doctor, and Miss Spinney, an English nurse, who happened to be in Casa Blanca, and at once volunteered her services.

Miss Spinney has, says our contemporary, been reported by Admiral Philibert for her "admirable devotion and unceasing attentions" to the wounded. The French Minister of Marine has, we are glad to learn, asked the Admiral to convey to Miss Spinney the thanks of the French Navy.



Miss M. E. SPARSHOTT,

Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester.

The Probationers' final examination at the Tondou Nursing School, Bordeaux, took place on July 26th. All the fourteen candidates passed, five with "Extremely good" and nine with "Very good."

In the wine district of St. Emilion the peasants have great faith in "lizard water." The recipe is as follows: Put a lizard alive in a bottle of spirits of wine, which must remain uncorked for two years. At the end of that time the peasants believe that the solution will cure any wound. The person who prevents it being used must not expect much consideration if the treatment substituted does not succeed.

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