

### Nursing Echoes.

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The Queen of Portugal, accompanied by Princess Louise d'Orleans, motored to the Evesham Cottage Hospital during her visit to Wood Norton, and went over the institution. Her Majesty took tea in the Matron's room, and, before leaving, signed the Visitors' book, and left a welcome donation of £10 in aid of the funds.

The nurse who has only received her training in a general hospital has, as a rule, much to learn about babies and their management. Some hospitals of a considerable size have not even yet special wards set apart for the reception of children, where their treatment and nursing may be specially studied, and the children are scattered through the general wards, where their nursing cannot be ideal, and where the adult patients are frequently disturbed by them. Even in the children's wards of general hospitals, the infants form a small proportion. The Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, Westminster, S.W., is, therefore, doing a good work, not only for the children to be received within its walls, who will have the best medical and nursing treatment that expert skill and loving care can devise, but because it is the only hospital in the kingdom devoted exclusively to the study of the diseases of infants, and stands for the principle that this important branch, which has been too much neglected in the past, is worthy of special study.

We are glad to announce that the results of the knowledge acquired in this hospital are to be placed at the disposal of trained nurses and the public. A Course of Lectures on Babies, intended for nurses and other ladies, will be delivered in the Lecture Theatre of the Hospital on the following dates:—*Monday, November 25th*, "The Normal Infant," by Dr. T. N. Kelynaek. *Tuesday, November 26th*, "The Present Conditions of Infant Life and Their Meaning." *Tuesday, December 3rd*, "Mother's Milk." *Thursday, December 5th*, "Substi-

tute Feeding." The three last lectures will be by Dr. Ralph Vincent. The Lectures will be illustrated by Experiments and by Epidiascopic Demonstrations. They begin at 5 o'clock, and tickets for the course cost 5s. or for a single lecture 2s. Not only every nurse, but every woman should be acquainted with these subjects, and, we hope, a large number will avail themselves of this opportunity to increase their knowledge of them.

We hope in our next issue to give an account of the opening of the Infants' Hospital by the Duchess of Albany on Wednesday last.

The constant change of Matrons at the Great Northern Hospital is very disquieting to the nursing school. As there is no accepted curriculum for training nurses in England, each Matron inaugurates a new system, or, at all events, interprets the teaching in her own way, and when a nurse happens to work under a succession of Matrons during her three years' term, she has but a hazy idea of what training means. Let us hope that in electing a new Matron a thoroughly well educated and well trained gentlewoman will be selected, who intends to devote time, with the support of the Committee, to working the school on thoroughly progressive and efficient lines.

There is no doubt that Miss Helen Pearse is the right woman in the right place as Superintendent of School Nurses under the London County Council. Possessed of first class organising powers, and a very sympathetic disposition, she is throwing herself into the work in an admirable manner, and is not only interesting herself in the nursing, but also in the nurses themselves. It is a very big bit of national work she has been appointed to do, and we are glad to note that Miss Pearse realises its wide sphere of influence for good. A lady of her vitality requires scope to bring out the best there is in her. The School Nurses' sphere is an ever increasing one.

Public school work in Chicago is proving a great success. The Visiting Nurses' Association, under the superintendence of Miss Harriet Fulmer, cared for 4,595 cases, and made 8,331 visits to homes during three months. The reports sent in from the schools are most encouraging. To quote a few opinions:

Emerson School.—Principal: "Judging from immediate results in cleanliness, increased attendance and help in particular cases, I feel that the work of the nurse is an absolute necessity."

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