

the institution was brought forcibly home to its founders by the cry from the children's wards of the London hospitals, that few if any of the sanatoria springing up on all sides took consumptive patients under sixteen years of age. Mr. T. H. Wyatt, M.V.O. (Hon. Sec., Children's Sanatorium), Denison House, Vauxhall Bridge Road, is the hon. secretary.

The Chelsea Hospital for Women has received a donation of £10 10s. from the Leathersellers' Company. The Annual Meeting of the Governors of the Hospital will be held on Thursday, the 19th inst., the President, the Lord Glenesk, in the chair.

Messrs. Garrould, Edgware Road, W., are so pleased with the Nurse's Cycle, made by the Harris Cycle Company, of Coventry, that they now keep it on view in their Hospital Nurses' Saloon. This Nurse's Cycle is made right the way through by the Harris Cycle Company. Nothing but the best British material is used in its construction, and a signed certificate of guarantee for 12 years is sent with it.

The Kensington Poor Law Guardians have decided to try the experiment of sending carefully-selected consumptive cases at the infirmary to a sanatorium at Suffolk to see if it would assist the cure of the patients.

In view of the probability of all night sittings at the House of Commons being necessary before very long the Kitchen Committee have decided to lay in a good supply of Bovril for the use of members.

The County Education Committee of the Somerset County Council has announced its intention to appoint a chief medical inspector who shall give his whole time to the duties, and receive a salary of £500 a year, together with the necessary out-of-pocket expenses.

Mr. Thomas Wilkinson, one of the oldest residents of Bolton, has presented to the town his beautiful residence on the outskirts, together with its extensive grounds and a sum of money sufficient for permanent endowment, for the purposes of a sanatorium for consumptive patients. The house stands at an elevation of 700 ft., and is one of the most suitable sites in the district. The gift represents a sum of nearly £100,000.

Consumption is exceedingly prevalent among the operatives in the mills, so that this sanatorium should bring great relief. When will the work of the people, by which men become millionaires, be so regulated that in sanitary surroundings disease and death will not be necessary as make-weight?

Mr. Andrew Carnegie has given half a million marks (£25,000) to the Robert Koch fund for the campaign against tuberculosis. The amount collected so far for carrying out research work in connection with the disease amounts to 800,000 marks.

## Our Foreign Letter.

FROM THE UNITED STATES.



Mrs. Fenwick's articles and addresses on Nursing in Prisons are strikingly in harmony with a subject that was

taken up by the Nurses' Associated Alumnae at its last annual meeting in Richmond, namely, Almshouse Nursing, and I have thought several times how like a mind-wave it is that protests and efforts so similar are being made at the same time on both sides of the Atlantic in nursing circles.

You will have read in the August number of the *American Journal of Nursing* the impressive appeal made in Richmond by Caroline Bartlett Crane, who is well-known here as a civic reformer of rare energy and purpose. She is a minister of the Gospel (you know we have women ministers in this country, in what you in England would call Dissenting or Nonconformist sects). She appealed, and not in vain, to the organised nurses of the country, for the sick poor in our almshouses, and next June she will go before our most important and powerful association of women, the Federation of Women's Clubs, to make the same plea. Briefly, her plan is, that the women's clubs and the nurses' organisations shall work together in bringing trained nursing into almshouses—the former by using the weight of their social position and public spirit in opening the almshouses to improvements and reforms, and also by assuring, if necessary at the outset, salaries to trained nurses, until such time as the demonstration shall have been made, and the public shall demand a permanency of skilled nursing for the sick poor in these institutions—the latter by undertaking to find nurses to take these positions in a spirit of enlightened philanthropy and professional unselfishness, and by assisting to visit, investigate, and bring to general knowledge the conditions demanding relief.

It is a large plan, and if entered upon will mean the work of years, as it has been in England.

To prepare for this campaign, our National Association has turned to our State Societies. It is our aim to have a Committee on Almshouse Nursing appointed permanently in every State.

If the Federation of Women's Clubs takes up this duty, it will undoubtedly work also through its State societies, and our committees, we hope, will be ready to meet them when they are ready.

Some of our almshouses, like certain ones of our municipal hospitals, are full of "politics," and the difficulties ahead may be well foreseen. Indeed, Mrs. Crane has already turned her civic and moral guns on them in Michigan, where the Women's Clubs and Nurses' Societies have made a beginning and have placed a nurse in one of the almshouses. I am sending you some further ma-

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