

The Hospital World.

THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, DUNDEE

The Royal Infirmary at Dundee is a most beautiful building, finely situated, and we are pleased to note in the annual report that the income last year shows an increase in every direction. Very handsome legacies and donations have been received from women. It is surprising, however, that these generous supporters have no representative on any Committee or amongst the house visitors, as some Scottish hospitals have. The Directors express with pleasure their appreciation of the admirable manner in which the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Fraser, and the Matron, Miss Duff, discharge their ever-increasing duties; and their satisfaction with the good order and management which continue to prevail in all departments of the hospital.

The comfort of the nurses has been much improved by the provision of a new dining hall, and the additional accommodation for the servants has brought this part of the house into a thoroughly satisfactory state.

The maternity department continues to fulfil its function in a satisfactory manner, for the number of patients attended to, indoor, shows an increase, particularly among those whose cases are abnormal; while the number of those attended at their own homes, and their appreciation of the services rendered to them, give gratifying proof of the confidence placed in this branch of the work of the Infirmary.

The Royal Infirmary, Dundee, is recognised as an admirable school for nurses, which under Miss Duff's superintendence has acquired a high reputation throughout Scotland, and, indeed, over the Border.

The daily average number of nurses in the medical and surgical department of the Infirmary was 82.2, and in the maternity department 15.

The President's Gold Medal for the most deserving nurse, as shown by the annual examinations and the high standard of her ward work during her training, was awarded to Nurse Helen T. McDonald.

During the year 49 maternity pupils received certificates, 2 being nurses on the ordinary staff of the Infirmary, and 2 nurses who had received their medical and surgical training in the Infirmary.

Amongst the 18 Sisters and nurses who have left the Infirmary during the year, the majority have done so to occupy more influential positions in the nursing world, proving the popularity of the system of training at Dundee.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Mr. W. Harrison Cripps, F.R.C.S., who for many years has filled the office of surgeon, and of late years of Senior Surgeon, to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, with so much distinction, has resigned the position. Mr. Harrison Cripps is a member of the medical profession whose appreciation of the services of trained nurses takes the practical form of insisting that those who nurse his cases shall receive a £3 3s. fee.

A lady has anonymously given £1,000 to the National Anti-Vivisection Hospital, Battersea General Hospital, in appreciation of the action of the Board of Management in refusing a grant of £97 10s., lately awarded to the hospital by the Council of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund. We are officially informed that the award was accompanied by such insulting remarks by Sir Henry Burdett, K.C.B., and others, as to the hospital's anti-vivisectional principles and treatment, and the expressed hope that the hospital would abandon these principles, so that the Board of Management has considered it impossible to accept a grant so offered.

A number of visitors on Saturday last, on the invitation of the trustees, visited Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripples' Home and College at Alton, and inspected with keen interest the college, hospital, sanatorium, and other departments of the Home. In some cases the children are relieved or cured, and in others, which are permanently crippled, mental and physical training is given, and the boys are taught skilled trades. At the present time 60 cripples are being taught trades in the college, and soon it is hoped to double this number. Sir William Treloar said that they hoped eventually to have a factory connected with the institution where permanent employment in after life would be provided for the boys, and a depôt in London for the sale of the goods. Sir Ernest Flower spoke warmly of the work of the resident medical officer, matron, and nurses.

The Child Study Society, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W., which has as its object "The Scientific Study of the Mental and Physical Condition of Children," and also of Educational Methods with a view to gaining greater insight into Child-Nature, and securing more sympathetic and scientific methods of training the young, has arranged a course of Lectures and Discussions, to take place at the above address on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m.

During the present week, Messrs. E. and R. Garrould, 150-160, Edgware Road, W., whose establishment is such a popular rendezvous with nurses, are making a special display of autumn millinery and mantles. The firm has a well-deserved reputation for the excellence of its goods supplied at moderate prices. Special instances of this are the new blanket cloth coats in black, navy, and green at 16s. 6d. each.

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