

The endowment of £2,800 by Mr. J. H. Dewar, Glasgow, for a district nurse at Kenmore has been withdrawn. The nurse is to be discharged, and the Kenmore District Nursing Association is to be dissolved.

There was a very good attendance of members of the Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association at the Club Room, 16, Crane's Buildings, Wellington Place, Belfast, on Wednesday in last week, when Dr. Caldwell lectured on "The Digestive Functions." The lecture was extremely interesting, and greatly enjoyed by all present.

The Survey, the organ of the New York Charity Organisation Society, gives an interesting little report of Ferryboats as Schools and Camps. From this report we learn that two regular schools and four day camps for tuberculous children and adults are now conducted on abandoned ferryboats in New York and Brooklyn. The latest school for children was opened recently on the deck of the ferryboat *Susquehanna*, anchored in the Erie Basin, and operated by the Tuberculosis Committee of the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities. This is the third regular open-air school for children now in operation in New York, the others being located at the Bellevue Ferryboat Day Camp, and the Red Cross Day Camp on the roof of the Vanderbilt clinic. Instruction is given to children in the other ferryboats at Jackson Slip and East Ninety-first Street, but no regular schools are maintained.

The percentage of children treated at these various camps ranges from about one-quarter to one-half the patients. In Brooklyn there are about 100 patients who regularly spend their days on the boat, about fifty of whom are children. Desks are provided as in the regular schools, and during the school year graded instruction is given. In the summer the main effort is to keep the children entertained and to teach them how to live clean and hygienic lives. The Board of Education supplied teachers to the schools in operation last year.

The Department of Health controls the operation of the boats at Jackson Slip and East Ninety-first Street, and Bellevue Hospital manages the one anchored at the foot of East Twenty-sixth Street. According to the latest figures obtainable, there are now eight schools for tubercular children in operation throughout the United States. They are in Boston, Providence, Hartford, New York, Chicago, and Pittsburgh. Detroit is planning to have a similar school next year, and probably Chicago's one institution will be increased to four.

The Hospital World.

THE METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL, N.E.

The Metropolitan Hospital in the Kingsland Road, N.E., which has been closed for some months for alterations and renovations, opened its doors to patients once more last week. None too soon for the cold weather will press hardily on the poor and dense population of the East and North-East of London which the hospital serves, and which could fill it with patients many times over.

Those who knew the hospital in former days will notice upon entering it that the casualty department, formerly located just to the right of the front door, with a small room behind containing a bed for a temporary case, has been removed, and replaced by a new Board Room, the Board Room on the first floor has now been assigned to the residents for a sitting room, and the casualty department is to be found in the basement, with the electrical department, the Chapel, and a billiard room for the residents. The whole of the interior of the building is as fresh as paint—and that paint paripan—can make it. It has been entirely recoloured in a soft shade of blue, with a dado, and stencilled border of somewhat deeper tone, and the effect is most excellent. A passenger lift has also been installed in the centre of the staircase. The wards are green in colour, the children's ward being tiled throughout. In the lavatories a bath of suitable size has been installed, and a small pedestal sanitary convenience just the right height from the floor to be comfortable for the tiny tots. On the ground floor are the men's surgical ward, and the two small Hebrew wards for men and women, with a small ward kitchen. The kosher kitchen is in the basement, where are also the general kitchen, the rooms for vegetables and milk, the larder, Home Sister's room, Servants' Hall, etc. In the wards the constant filling of the "doctor's jugs" and emptying of "doctors' basins" is now a thing of the past, for washstands with hot and cold water laid on have now been installed in them. Some ingenious person has discovered that smokers' cabinets make admirable test cupboards, and very satisfactory they prove, at a minimum cost of about half a guinea.

In the ward kitchens the ranges have been removed, and larger gas rings substituted for those which did much hard work in former days, when the ranges were seldom used. A small cupboard in these kitchens, plainly labelled "Night nurses" will be much appreciated by them.

On the top floor considerable alterations have been made in the theatre, which originally was equipped by the generosity of Mr. Stephen

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