relieve the Committee from anxiety if only they could once be brought into touch with the Association.

The Mayoress of Fulham presided at the 21st annual meeting of the Hammersmith and Fulham District Nursing Association, held at Bishop Creighton House, Lillie Road, Fulham, on Friday, March 10th, when an excellent report of the year's work was presented, reference being made to the fact that on the 25th of October last the Association completed its twentieth year of busy life under the able direction of its original Superintendent, Miss Curtis, vertisement and brought home to individuals the importance and duty of health. The children of to-day would realise that though by taking thought they could not add a cubit to their stature by taking exercise they could add several inches to their chest measurement, and aspire to the attainment of a physical ideal which would be the best check to physical deterioration. In connection with the medical inspection of school children it had been revealed that some 40 per cent. of the children suffered from dirty heads and from many ailments which were the result of the neglect of most ordinary attention, of ignorance, and



A GROUP OF BLUE CROSS NURSES, Ospedale Gesu e Maria, Naples.

and the Committee also state that they are fortunate in retaining the services of the Senior Nurse, Miss Young, whose zeal and initiative meet a ready response from the staff of nurses, six in number.

In moving the adoption of the report, Lady Helen Munro Ferguson said that the value of nurses as social workers, in reducing infant mortality, and preventing infection from phthisis, could be proved from the dullest and most official of Blue Books. Besides caring for the sick, district nurses acted as a health adapathy. Nor did a not unfrequent British bill of fare, "tough meat, pale potatoes, and discouraging greens," compare favourably with that provided by German housewives, and it would seem that while our artisans and business men are second to none in the world, the British woman, in her sphere, is inferior to her Continental sister. We must remove that reproach, and trained and educated nurses, who were a refining influence in the homes of the poor, and who were always welcome because they went to help and not to criticise, could do much in this direction.



