

twill covers take the place of beds, the general wards, the plaster room and out-patient department, all of which have recently been described in this journal, were then visited, and received warm admiration, not only for the scientific perfection and good nursing order which characterise them, but because of the happy humanitarian atmosphere diffused by everyone—from Sir William Treloar, who is evidently a prime favourite with the children, to the youngest probationer. It is an atmosphere in which little children blossom out and flourish exceedingly.

#### THE COLLEGE.

The College itself is a hive of industry and happiness. The boys here may have been patients in the Hospital, but more frequently they are received into the College direct, and taught skilled trades. Neither is evidence wanting of their skill, as anyone may learn by sending for the catalogue of the portmanteaux, suit cases, kit bags, attaché cases, ladies' blouse cases, travelling bags, book carriers, etc., which are made by the boys.

In his preface to this catalogue, Sir William Treloar says that many years' experience and work in assisting the cripples of London have taught him that they can be broadly divided into two classes: (a) those needing prolonged medical treatment for the cure of their deformity; and (b) those for whom complete correction of deformity cannot be hoped, but who nevertheless can become quite self-supporting if taught a suitable trade.

For the first class he has devised the hospital at Alton, and for the second the College.

The boys were busy at work on Saturday, when it was evident that nothing shoddy is turned out from the workshops of the College. Good solid leather, hand-sewn by expert craftsmen, is alone used in making the leather goods. Another feature is that the same worker entirely finishes the particular article he commences, and so is encouraged to take a real pride and personal pleasure in the work he does. The result is that although the College has only been working two years the goods on view would have been a credit to any London firm. In the tailors' shop the same busy and contented order prevailed. Under their trade

teacher the boys were turning out suits, etc., again the shoemakers were making good, strong, hand-sewn boots and shoes.

There are sixty boys in the College, and they all do their own domestic work. At eight the breakfast bell rings, after which they go to work under the various trade teachers. In their recreation time each boy is free to follow his own bent, but they are encouraged to play games, and can even give a good account of themselves in a game of football against an outside team.

#### DAME ANNIE TRELOAR MEDALS.

In the course of the afternoon a few of the guests were witnesses to an interesting incident, when Sir William Treloar, meeting the Matron in the grounds, presented her with the first of the gold medals which he has instituted as a memorial to his wife.

The medal, which is pointed oval in shape, and suspended from a pale blue ribbon, bears the figure of charity bending over a child, and round the edge the words "Dame Annie Treloar Medal." The reverse side is inscribed, "Awarded to Janet P. Robertson, May 20th, 1911, in recognition of duties faithfully performed."

All too quickly the bugle sounded to summon the visitors from various parts of the beautiful grounds to the spacious College Hall for the final ceremony.

Sir William Treloar presided, and after prayers, said by the Bishop of Croydon, read the following telegram from the

Queen Mother.

"Let me wish all my dear little 270 children a very happy day, and hope some day I may have the pleasure of seeing you all in the Home."

ALEXANDRA.

He then invited the Lord Mayor to present the two Dame Annie Treloar medals, one of gold gained by Miss Theodora Clements after three years' training, and one of bronze gained by Miss Doris Helen Goody at the end of the second year of training. The presentations were made by the Lord Mayor, who shook hands most cordially with the two blushing recipients.

Sir William Treloar, on his own behalf and that of his co-trustees, offered their warmest thanks to the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress



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