

cancer in a most miserable home, cared for by the dispensary, and nursed by the visiting nurse, on the day of his death many times reminded his family not to fail to thank the *Maison de Santé Protestante*, and his nurse, for caring for him for so long.

The infants' consultations have proved a great success, and necessitated the provision of further accommodation for the large number who attend. By the generosity of an anonymous donor baskets have been provided to receive the children's clothes. Each child, when weighed, is wrapped in a sheet of silk paper, folded over the woollen swaddling clothes. This is changed for each baby, as is also that which lines the baskets for the clothes.

Dr. Hamilton also refers to an innovation in the Nursing School by the introduction of "carnets d'exercices pratiques" (note-books of practical work), which she has adapted from one used at the London Fever Hospital, to meet the needs of a general hospital. Dr. Hamilton has kindly sent us a specimen of these neat little books, $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches long by 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide, and covered with dark blue material. Inside are enumerated all the different practical duties with which the pupils must become conversant during their training, in the wards, the maternit. department, the theatre, the dispensary, and in regard to administration. The books are controlled by the Sisters, who have to sign that each nurse has had instruction in all the subjects enumerated before the completion of her training. They are supervised from time to time by Dr. Hamilton, who can thus judge of the progress each pupil is making.

The School is noted for the thoroughness and system of its training, and in consequence for the excellence of the pupils it sends out into the world.

IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

Last week a party of over forty members of the Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association drove in brakes from Belfast to Carrickfergus, where, after seeing over the salt mines, they had a picnic tea. The weather kept fine, and everyone enjoyed the long drive, and the picnic was quite the most successful the members have enjoyed.

WELCOME HELP.

The President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses acknowledges with many thanks the following donations:—Miss E. J. Hurlston, 5s.; Miss E. M. Jones, 5s.; L. F., 5s.; Mrs. Klosz, 4s.; Miss Rose Conway, 2s.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

When Princess Henry of Battenberg opened the rainbow fête at Ealing last week organised by the local branch of the Queen Alexandra League in support of Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripples' Hospital at Alton, a bouquet was presented to the Princess by a little girl, formerly a cripple, who after nine months' treatment at the hospital, has been completely cured of hip disease.

The Clapham Maternity Hospital's Dispensary for General Diseases has now added to its work at the Battersea centre a branch for carrying out the tuberculin treatment of phthisis on Dr. Camac Wilkinson's method, which has lately been so much discussed in the medical press. The director of the Clapham Hospital medical work (Dr. Annie McCall), who has had many years' experience in the "open-air treatment of consumption," appears to be one of Dr. Wilkinson's converts, who believe that while sanatoria are of immense importance for patients who can afford the requisite time and money, the treatment of the phthisical sick poor of London can be more advantageously carried out, and at one-fiftieth of the cost, by following Dr. Camac Wilkinson's methods. Patients who wish for treatment are required to bring a written record of their temperature for two or three days, and to attend regularly twice a week. The treatment at the Tuberculin Dispensary, 31, Albert Bridge Road, S.W., is absolutely free, but contributions are gratefully received.

Like other institutions of its kind in London the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, has hitherto had a Committee composed exclusively of men. At the annual meeting on 24th May (Col. Lord William Cecil, C.V.O., in the chair) a new departure was taken by the appointment of two ladies on the Committee of twenty Governors elected for the ensuing year. The ladies appointed are Lady William Cecil (Baroness Amherst of Hackney) and Miss M. J. Godlee. No other children's hospital in London has yet placed women on its committee, and the Hackney Road institution is thus left to act as the pioneer in this direction, on which it is to be most heartily congratulated. The hospital has 34 beds in London, and will shortly have 30 beds at a seaside branch at Bexhill, which is to be opened on 13th July by H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, and which will be known as the "Little Folks" Home.

The in-patients last year numbered 1,970, and the new out-patients 32,975 (84,317 attendances). The hospital has practically no endowment, its income from investments being only £340 a year. Its expenditure is about £13,000 a year, and its cost per patient works out at a much lower figure than that of most other institutions of the kind. The nursing of the little folks is as devoted as it should be to make it worthy of ranking as a "Queen's" hospital.

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