

lilies, and near by hot-houses, dairy, and all the adjuncts of a well-found country house.

#### THE NEST.

The Nest, as its name implies, is a Children's Home, and a cosy, happy nest it is. Here twenty-seven children are received as babies and brought up until they go out into the world. Most of them come through the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. A few are the children of women received under long sentence in connection with the Inebriates' Act. Our illustration shows the children gathered round Lady Henry Somerset listening to a fairy tale, and one can well imagine that the charm of the silver voice, whose eloquence lays a spell on an Albert Hall audience, keeps them enthralled.

Any notice of Duxhurst would be incomplete without mention of Sister Evelyn, the Assistant to the Superintendent, and her invaluable helper.

Nowadays we have for the most part got far away from the example of the Good Samaritan who took the wounded traveller to his own inn and cared for him, and think we have done our whole duty when we pay societies to act as our proxies. Duxhurst is an object lesson in what may be accomplished by one woman of sympathetic heart and understanding mind, who has chosen the better part of personal service.

The lights of London town looked very garish as we neared Cannon Street Station on the return journey. Instinctively one's thoughts turned to Duxhurst, fair, gracious, and peaceful, enfolded by the Surrey hills, to the cottage of its founder, with its angel guard, to the lovely garden which surrounds it, and deep in its heart, only found by those who seek it, the Calvary with its silent individual message for all who come to rest for a while under its shadow. It is a garden to remember with thanksgiving.

The kiss of the sun for pardon,

The song of the birds for mirth,

One's nearer God's heart in a garden

Than anywhere else on earth.

But one cannot do justice to Duxhurst in cold print, it must be seen to be appreciated.

M. B.

#### AN INTERESTING ANNIVERSARY.

The anniversary of the opening of St. Thomas' Hospital, one of the oldest in the kingdom, on its present site, occurred last week. Founded in Southwark by Richard, Prior of Bermondsey, in 1213, it has had an interesting history. The present site was bought at a cost of £100,000 when the Embankment was being made, and Queen Victoria laid the foundation stone in 1868, and opened the hospital in 1871.

## Reflections.

#### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Mayor and Mayoress of Richmond were last week received by the Queen, and presented, on behalf of the inhabitants of Richmond, Mortlake, Kew, Ham, and Petersham, a cheque for £700, to be given to the Royal Hospital, Richmond, to endow a bed.

The treasurer of the Charing Cross Hospital has received an anonymous donation of £1,000 and a donation of £500 from the trustees of Smith's (Kensington Estate) Charity.

H.R.H. the Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, will open the Sir Henry Tyler Wing Extension of the London Homœopathic Hospital, on Wednesday, July 5th, and will receive purses of not less than five guineas each, for the Fund for completing the Furnishing, also Donations to be placed on her Royal Highness's List, for the same purpose, and to be announced at the Opening. Donations and applications for purses should be sent to the Secretary, Mr. Edward A. Attwood, at the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C.

The fête to be opened at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Regent's Park, N.W., on Wednesday, July 5th, by Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, in connection with the Women's Imperial Health Association, should be both instructive and pleasurable. King Edward's Horse will form a Guard of Honour, and it is desired that hospital nurses shall also share this duty. The opening ceremony will be on the Terrace at the end of the Long Walk, where the "Florence Nightingale" caravan will be camped, under a guard of Crimean Veterans. Afterwards Lady Helmsley's Crèche and other cinematograph films will be shown with daylight screen, and there will be a St. John Ambulance Display, Women's Sick and Wounded Convoy Corps Display, and other attractions.

On Thursday and Friday, July 6th and 7th, the Imperial Health Congress will be held at Caxton Hall, and will be opened on the first day by Lord Ilkeston, Vice-President of the Association, at 11 a.m., and on the second day by the President, Muriel, Viscountess Helmsley. A number of interesting papers will be presented.

The opening of the British section at the International Hygiene Exhibition in Dresden has been postponed owing to an unforeseen delay in the transit of the exhibits from England. The end of this week has been provisionally fixed for the date of opening.

A contemporary states on good authority that Mr John Howard McFadden, of Philadelphia and London, the well-known cotton magnate, who has already supplied funds for researches on cancer, is about to turn his attention to initiating the much-needed investigation of measles. The research will be undertaken in London, and the work will be done at the Lister Institute.

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