

support the bottle within easy reach of the baby.

In a second room are the older children, for they are received up to five years old and over, and these children have kindergarten lessons every morning from 10 to 12 from a trained teacher. In the afternoon between 2 and 4 little stretchers are placed on the floor, and each child, covered with a rug, is quickly asleep. One has only to note the tired, relaxed little bodies to realize what a boon it is to children—who, in their own crowded homes, or the room which passes for home, wake early and go to sleep late, with the life of adults seething around them—to have this quiet daily sleep.

It is a busy life for the sister and nurses, but a very satisfying one. The children are received from eight a.m. to eight p.m., for the mothers must earn money. No one knows this better than Sister Hope, who adds to her many duties the work of a Poor Law Guardian, and who contends that in the present state of the labour market the women *have* to work. In many cases they are the only wage earners of the family.

The problem of the care of the children while she is at work is one which besets many an anxious mother. Our illustration of "the Guardians" shows one—most unsatisfactory—method of dealing with it; another is to take the babies to "minding shops," where the financial side of the bargain is often more strictly enforced than the "minding." What a change for the better it is for the babies to be admitted to the "Screechy," the usual maternal rendering of the alien word *crèche*. Here the clothes of each child are removed and placed in the disinfectant on arrival, and it is bathed and dressed in the clothes provided. Sets of these little garments, each including all needed for the use of one child, are stacked on the shelves of a well filled cupboard. The tiny babies are bathed in their own room. For the older ones there is a bathroom, with a small bath raised at a convenient height from the floor, so that the backs of the nurses are not unnecessarily strained. All these children have to be ready by 10 o'clock for the kindergarten teacher, but the babies' baths go on till 11.30. At twelve comes dinner, many of the children having to be spoon fed, and besides, there is an influx of older school children, for Sister Hope keeps in touch with her babies as they are growing up, and many of those arrived at school age come in for a substantial midday meal. Then comes the nurses' dinner, and after that the afternoon routine begins, while preparation and administration of "feeds" for

the tiny babies mean continual work, and the washing of small articles and the mending for this large family leave few leisure moments for any one concerned, till eight o'clock sees the departure of the babies, dressed once more in their own clothes, for their respective homes for the night.

Mention must be made of the large flat roof, safely railed in, where in fine weather the children enjoy open-air life even in the centre of this great Metropolis.

It is a fine work, to the support of which the parents contribute one-third. The balance Sister Hope raises by an Annual Sale of Work, the Daisy Guild, each member of which collects £1 1s. annually, and through subscriptions and donations. She is open to receive many such.

MARGARET BREAY.

PRESENTATION.

A very interesting and pleasing ceremony took place in the Outpatients' Hall at the Clayton Hospital, Wakefield, last week. The occasion was to celebrate Miss Pressland's tenth anniversary as Matron of the hospital and the whole of the resident staff joined in a Cinderella dance. As the clock struck twelve and the roth of April dawned, the Assistant Matron, Miss Hind, called upon the guests to give three ringing cheers to their Matron, after which Sister Gaskell, who has herself been a Sister at the hospital for nearly ten years, presented Miss Pressland with a beautiful silver rose-bowl on an ebony stand from "Her Sisters and Nurses past and present." Then Ethel, who has been head cook for many years, presented two handsome silver vases from the domestic staff and porters.

Very surprised and somewhat embarrassed, but in a wholly charming manner, Miss Pressland delivered her thanks and the evening ended very brightly by all joining in the "Country Dance." Refreshments were served in the Consulting Room, which had been turned into a café and was gay with flowers and plants.

RESIGNATION.

Miss Marian Measures has resigned the position of Matron of the Herefordshire General Hospital, Hereford, and her term of office will expire on the 30th of June next. The hospital contains 100 beds—and the term of training for nurses is a three years' course. Miss Measures will be greatly missed by her fellow workers.

MEMORIAL.

A memorial has been placed in the chapel of the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, consisting of a cenotaph in English alabaster and Castellino marble, to the honoured memory of Miss Jane Johnson, for 27 years the devoted nurse in Halford Ward.

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