

a certain amount on her own responsibility when she feels confident to work alone.

We want an ideal system, but before it can be attained the following points must be fixed rules: Legislation that makes the establishment of Medical Inspection of schools compulsory for all Boards of Education.

2. If, on examination of children beginning school life, any physical defect is found, that it is obligatory for the parent to obtain that surgical or medical attention which the child requires.

3. The admission of a child to school should be conditional on being passed by the Medical Inspector and the carrying out of such treatment as he deems necessary.

4. That there be a dispensary in every large school where aid can be rendered to the children of the poor.

5. That the Medical Inspection Department must be responsible for the conditions of heating, ventilation, cleaning, lighting, and seating in all schools. When this is obtained we can look forward to the closing of many reformatories and jails and hospitals, and look upon a nation whose physical qualities may be equal to those of the ancient Romans.

#### TOYS FOR TINIES.

We hope many of our readers are going to compete in the Toys for Tinies Competition, so that we may be able to distribute a good number amongst very poor children. Four prizes of 5s. each will be given for the four best toys made at a cost of not more than sixpence. See the coupon in our issue of December 7th.

#### PRIZES FOR NURSES.

The Annual Prize-giving to the members of the nursing staff took place at the General Hospital, Bristol, last week, the prizes being presented by Mr. Joseph Storrs Fry, President, in the presence of many supporters of the institution, and Matrons of other hospitals in the city. The Chairman of the Nursing Committee, Mr. Herbert Baker, spoke in the highest terms of the services rendered by the Matron, Miss Densham, the Assistant Matron (Matron-elect of the Victoria Hospital, Keighley), Miss Garner, and the Sisters.

The prize winners were:—*Gold Medal* (for general efficiency), Miss Agnes Morgan; *Silver Medal*, Miss Annabel Cameron; *Honourably Mentioned*, Miss Elina Meaden, Miss Rose Ayland, and Miss Kathleen Tobin; *First Prize for Surgical Nursing*, Miss Fisher; *Second Prize*, Miss Packer; *First Prize for Medical Nursing*, Miss Fisher; *Second Prize*, Miss Lee; *First Prize for Anatomy*, Miss Basker and Miss Perry; *First Prize for Physiology*, Miss Poole; *Second Prize*, Miss Basker; *First Prize for Practical Nursing*, Miss Martin; *Second Prize*, Miss Newcombe and Miss Williams.

#### NURSING NEWS AND THE WAR.

Now that hundreds of beds at the base are required for such of the sick and wounded soldiers who have not been left to die on the field of battle the need for thoroughly trained women nurses is becoming more urgent every day. The Crown Prince of Montenegro having appealed for such help, Princess Christian suggested to the British Red Cross Medical Relief Committee that six women nurses should be sent, with three additional male orderlies. We are glad to know that this skilled help has been sent to Antivari, making 12 trained nurses only sent through our national Red Cross organization so far. Male directors, 27 surgeons, and 145 male orderlies have also been sent at the nation's expense. In the last Græco-Turkish War we had 5 surgeons, 1 lady superintendent, and 30 thoroughly trained sisters; and, speaking from personal experience, it was the work of the latter which was in hourly request in the five different hospitals in which they worked.

An appeal, signed by Lord Lamington, the Aga Khan, the Abbas Ali Baig, and Ameer Ali on behalf of the British Red Crescent Society, says:—"The appalling number of Turkish sick and wounded that have come back from the front or are lying on the battlefield are taxing to the utmost the Turkish hospital arrangements, with the result that many are left untended; and even if the war ends within a reasonable limit of time, they will need all possible help to alleviate their sufferings."

A card from Patras tells of the safe arrival there of the doctors and nurses sent by the Red Crescent Society, who by now, we may hope, are at work at Constantinople.

The *Standard* reports that Frenchwomen are taking a very active part in the merciful Red Cross service in connection with the war in the Balkans. A special convoy of French nurses has been sent to Athens, by request of Princess George of Greece, to superintend the amateur nurses. At Constantinople Mme. Bompard, wife of the French Ambassador, has organised three workrooms, where women of the French colony are meeting together to make garments for the wounded and prepare dressings. An appeal has also been made by the French Legation at Sofia to the Union of Frenchwomen for large quantities of dressings and medicine, and is meeting with a ready response; while a number of French Sisters of the Order of St. Elizabeth have gone to Antivari to prepare a camp hospital.

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