

This system has prevented the occurrence of any infectious disease. It may be noted that such a condition as a cold is classed as infectious, and children suffering from colds are detained in the "Observation Ward" until the cold is cured. One side of each cubicle is of glass, a fact which emphasizes their purpose in a literal and practical manner.

After we had completed the tour of the settlement we assembled in the great hall and watched a musical drill by the senior crippled boys. Several of them had only one leg, and it was marvellous to watch them balancing themselves as perfectly as those with two.

Sir William Treloar then gave an informal address, showing what progress had been made and thanking all those whose services had contributed to the satisfactory maintenance of the work.

The Lady Mayoress, who was the principal guest, was presented with the badge of the "Queen Alexandra League" and asked to become a Vice-President, for which she returned thanks in a few well-chosen words. A few other speeches followed. Probably the Rev. Dr. Donaldson from Cambridge University expressed the feeling of the meeting when he said that his pleasure and surprise at all he had seen made him feel like the Queen of Sheba; for behold, "the half was not told him"!

The object of the League is principally to bring healthy and happy boys and girls into practical sympathy with the little sufferers. Every member pledges himself or herself to collect a certain sum of money. There are now 5,000 juvenile members, besides adults, who are called Associates of the League. Many of the cots are supported by the various local Associations.

The yearly sum of £15,000 is required to maintain this magnificent and beneficent work, which is greatly in need of funds; it is regrettable to learn that there was a balance on the wrong side last year to the tune of over £5,000. Here is one of the finest opportunities for millionaires! I trust this will meet the eyes of some of them! If wishes were deeds one may be quite certain that the Hospital and College would have received endowment in perpetuity by Saturday's honoured guests.

BEATRICE KENT.

### DR. LAHMANN'S COTTONWOOL UNDERWEAR.

We regret that by a printer's error a wrong number should have been given for the address of the Lahmann Agency in High Holborn for Dr. Lahmann's Cottonwool Underwear. The address is 245, High Holborn, and nurses cannot do better than go to see these delightful undergarments there.

This Reform Cottonwool Underclothing is of vegetable origin, and consequently cannot shrink or become felted like wool or flannel. It is also moth proof—an advantage to be appreciated in tropical countries.

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

### WOMEN.

The crowded meeting at the Church House last week, over which the Archbishop of Canterbury presided, to celebrate the jubilee of the revival of the Ancient Order of Deaconesses by the late Archbishop Tait, was evidence of the interest in this revival. The Archbishop said that before long there must now be one service for the ordination, or setting apart of women for the Order, something like one standard of qualification for the women to be ordained, and uniformity of rule as to the age at which women are to be set apart for the work. Provision must also be made for deaconesses when their working days are ended.

Deaconess Knapp, of New York, spoke of the group of devoted women banded together as deaconesses under the Bishop of Maryland in 1855; but, on examination of the circumstances, the Order must be admitted to be the creation of a new ideal rather than the revival of an ancient one.

The Dean of Wells said that the work of deaconesses in the early Church was universal at the end of the second century; and in succeeding centuries they played an important part in Church History in the East. The barbarian invasion sent them into seclusion, and after the eighth century the Order died out. This coincided with the darkness which fell on Church and world alike.

A meeting is to be held in the Kensington Town Hall on July 10th at 8.15 p.m., organised by the "Pass the Bill Committee" in support of the Criminal Law Amendment (White Slave Traffic) Bill. Adeline Duchess of Bedford will preside, and Mrs. Philip Snowden will be amongst the speakers. The more determinedly the public demand legislation on this terrible traffic the more hope there is of reform.

The National Health Insurance Commission (England) have issued a circular inviting applications from women for the posts of (a) inspectors (salary, £300 rising to £400); (b) assistant inspector (£100 rising to £300); (c) health insurance officer (£80 rising to £150). Many of the salaries for men are much higher.

At a meeting addressed by Mr. Lloyd George, at Woodford, last Saturday, it was announced from the platform that "the stewards had been fully instructed." This threat did not, however, deter the male friends of votes for women from asking "Why not?" It was a wise provision that ambulance men were stationed outside the marquee, as the "instructions," apparently, were to hurl the questioners outside with infuriated violence. Resistance produced a violent uproar, during which chairs were upset, umbrellas smashed, and ladies lost their hats; and more than one man was exhausted and bleeding, when liberated by the stewards "with instructions." A very scandalous

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