

did not do spring cleaning and whitewashing, feed the pigs, make the bread, and look after the young turkeys.

We congratulate Dr. Richard Jones, medical officer for health, on his speech at the annual meeting of the Penrhynedraeth Nursing Association, recently held. He said he did not agree with the North Wales Nursing Association in its method of appointing nurses with only six months' experience as village nurses. They wanted nurses with three years' training. He was afraid that a great deal of money was spent needlessly in the establishment of dispensaries for consumptive patients to visit the appointed doctors and nurses, for afterwards there was no one to see that the instructions were properly carried out in their homes. He suggested that the work should be entrusted to trained district nurses and also the work of school nursing.

At a meeting of the Irish Advisory Committee of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, held at the office, 63, Dawson Street, Dublin, on the 10th inst., the answers to the circular *re* school nursing were brought before the Committee, and were generally favourable to the scheme, but it was evident that great difficulty would arise in carrying out this work. After discussion, it was decided not to proceed further with the matter at present. The paper to be read by Miss H. L. Pearse at the Dublin Nursing Conference in June should arouse an intelligent interest in the necessity for school nursing.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

A two days' missionary exhibition will be held on Wednesday, April 30th, and Thursday, May 1st, from 9.30 a.m. to 9.30 p.m., at Holborn Hall (corner of Gray's Inn Road and Clerkenwell Road). There will be a "Chinese House," "Indian Zenana," "African Hut," models of Mission Hospitals, curios, &c. Short addresses will be given at intervals. Among the speakers will be:—W. H. Graham Aspland, M.D. (Peking), Rev. K. Kennedy, M.B., Ch.B. (Chota Nagpur), Mrs. Douglas Hooper, L.R.C.P. and S. (East Africa), Mrs. Birkett, M.D. (India), Miss E. Dodson, M.D. (India), Miss R. Glanville, M.B., B.S. (India), Mrs. Bell (Eng. Pres. Mission), Rev. Frank Lenwood (London Missionary Society). Tickets (free for nurses; price 6d. for other friends) and all further particulars may be obtained from Miss H. Y. Richardson, 52, Lower Sloane Street, London, S.W.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

THE INFANTS' HOSPITAL, VINCENT SQUARE, S.W.

To those who have eyes to see, the babies in the wards of the Infants' Hospital, principally under twelve months of age, in all stages of malnutrition, or on the way to recovery therefrom, represent not only half a hundred or so sick babies skilfully treated, nursed, and dieted, but the means whereby the causes of infantile disease and mortality, which at present are a serious menace to the nation, are investigated and combated, the diagnosis and treatment of the cases being based upon investigations carried out in the laboratory.

Indeed the research laboratory is the centre of the work of the hospital, for here not only morbid processes are examined, but the milk supply of the hospital is systematically tested.

RAW MILK.

Raw milk is the great natural protection of the infant. This is the great fundamental truth underlying the work of the Infants' Hospital, and taught continuously, to the salvation of many babies, by Dr. Ralph Vincent, who inspires and directs its beneficent work. It greets one on entering the hospital in the fine photographs on the walls of its Board room, representing the milking sheds, the winter quarters, and individual cattle at the Combe Bank Farm, Sevenoaks, established by Mr. Robert Mond, benefactor and treasurer of the hospital, from which it draws its milk supply.

If you are fortunate enough, as I was on a recent visit, to find Dr. Vincent there, ready to talk of the hospital and its work, the subject of raw milk is sure to come uppermost, and the danger to babies, whose mothers are unable to feed them, of sterilized milk, boiled milk, pasteurized milk, any milk, in fact, but that which is pure and raw, modified to meet the individual requirements of the baby.

Why is this so important? Because nature, as usual, knows best, and, in milk in a natural condition, there is found the *streptococcus lacticus*, the typical organism of pure milk. "Boiled milk," Dr. Vincent will tell you, "is not milk, for the properties that characterise milk, and place it in a class by itself, have been utterly destroyed."

But at the Infants' Hospital you are not asked to take anything on trust, even from the lips of so eminent an authority as Dr. Ralph Vincent. It is the charm of the hospital that everything is proved scientifically. So he invites you to the laboratory, where a Sister is in charge

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