

A sum of £2,100 has been subscribed in response to the Lord Lieutenant of Surrey's appeal for a special endowment fund for the Victorian Convalescent Home for Surrey Women at Bognor.

The great organisation of King's College Hospital was installed at Denmark Hill on Wednesday, and Lincoln's Inn will know it no more. The administrative offices, the quarters of the medical and nursing staffs, five of the ward blocks, the casualty and out-patients' departments, and the chapel are now all ready, and it is expected that the rest of the buildings will be completed to hold six hundred beds in 1914. Let us hope that old friends will follow the fortunes of this splendid new hospital to the fine open position which it now occupies and finance it as heretofore.

The treasurers of the Middlesex Hospital Cancer Charity have received an anonymous donation of £250.

The treasurer of the Hampshire County Fund in aid of the Queen Alexandra Nurses' Home, which is to be established at the Cripples' Hospital, Alton, Hampshire, has received a contribution of £500 from "R. H." and "F. S. G."

At a cost of about £21,000, defrayed out of a bequest of the late Mr. George Coupland, of Hemswell, in memory of his father, a new hospital has been built and recently opened at Gainsborough. The bequest included a capital sum to produce a maintenance fund of £1,200 a year.

The Clinical Research Laboratory gifted to the Victoria Infirmary, Glasgow by Mr. William Robertson was formally opened on October 2nd. The announcement of the gift, amounting to £5,000, was made at a meeting of the Governors on October 31st, 1910. This important addition to its equipment will bring the infirmary into line with the best institutions of its kind.

The splendid sum of £2,595. 16s. 6d. was the result of the Perth Infirmary bazaar promoted for the purpose of raising the necessary funds to furnish the new institution in course of erection. No wonder all the organisers and hard workers were delighted with the result.

Her Majesty the Queen has intimated her desire to receive a copy of an important new work to be published by the St. Catherine Press for the National Food Reform Association entitled "Rearing an Imperial Race," and edited by Charles E. Hecht, M.A. The volume, which will be fully illustrated and will form a companion volume to "Our Children's Health at Home and at School," will supply a key to next year's Education Bill from the standpoint of health and the domestic arts, beside serving as a handbook for social workers, educationists, school medical officers, heads of institutions, &c.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

THE NURSERY NURSE.

To the woman who intends to make the care of children her life's work and fully intends to succeed, there are many roads to walk in the preparation. The maternal instinct, most fortunately, has not yet been allowed to wither in an age of restlessness and hurry. It is to be found in the most unlikely places, flourishing and beautiful—happy the mother who finds it in the presiding genius of her nursery.

The woman to whom work is a necessity and children a joy should never hesitate as to the form of her labours.

Unfortunately, youth is so often an absolute necessity, and the grim shadow of old age an unsleeping menace to women whose life work lies with children. There are, of course, exceptional parents who realize this, and who even make an effort, for the sake of the well-being of their children, to make some small provision for the woman who gives the best years of her life to them and theirs.

Training is an absolute necessity. There are many excellent colleges for this special work, and failing them, a year's work in a children's convalescent home where surgical cases are treated, is difficult to beat. To keep rules, to be methodical, to be tidy, to command obedience, to invite confidence—all these must first be learned, to be taught.

To make a short summary of the necessary essentials:—

1. Youth and a cheerful temperament.
2. Common sense.
3. The maternal instinct.
4. Well grounded knowledge of the minor ailments of children and their treatment.
5. Elementary knowledge of laundry work as applied to simple garments.
6. Some knowledge of cutting out and sewing.
7. Thorough understanding of fresh air without draughts, sunshine, heat from artificial means (coal fires and hot water bottles), making of beds and the airing of personal and bed linen.
8. Preparing of simple food stuffs, the cleaning of pans, kettles, feeders, babies' bottles, milk cans, and all china and crockery used for the nursery.

It looks a formidable list, but with the right kind of experience, nothing is impossible. The Nurse is often asked her ideas as to the furnishing and position of her nurseries. Where there are more than two children and the house is of only moderate size, this is often a difficulty. However, the night nursery should be on the bathroom floor, if possible with a south aspect. It should be used for sleeping alone, and be well aired during the day, as well as by night. No child, however delicate, can be harmed by an open

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