

A STATE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Committee on Reformatory and Industrial Schools, a new division of the Home Office has been constituted to deal with questions relating to children, particularly reformatory and industrial schools, children's Courts, probation officers, cruelty to children, and street trading. It will be under the charge of Mr. G. A. Aitken, M.V.O.

PRESENTATION.

Miss E. Tute, who for the past nineteen years has been connected with the York County Hospital for the last seven years as lady superintendent, recently resigned, and at a meeting of the House Committee on Friday the 14th she was the recipient of a series of presents.

The gifts comprised a cheque for £73 subscribed by members of the committee and others connected with the institution, a gold watch and a gold bracelet presented by past and present members of the nursing staff, and a silver-mounted album containing photographs of the hospital, and a set of silver spoons from the domestic and male staff.

The Dean of York made the presentation, and paid a warm tribute to the efficient work of Miss Tute.

THE PASSING BELL.

The sudden death of Nurse Ansell of the Cornwall County Nursing Association, which took place on the 13th inst., has caused very deep regret throughout the district, to which she was appointed only six months ago. The funeral on Sunday last was attended by a large number of mourners, evidence of the affection in which Nurse Ansell was held. The coffin was covered with lovely flowers, including wreaths from the County Nursing Association, Perranwell District Nursing Association, her fellow nurses, and from many relations and friends.

A DAINY DENTIFRICE.

Nothing is a greater luxury than an efficient and fragrant dentifrice, and Kolynos Dental Cream has both these qualities. It has only to be used once to be adopted, in many instances, regularly, for it is most dainty and delicious, and the fact that it has been endorsed by the leading dentists throughout the world is proof of its qualities as a dentifrice. A free sample will be sent on application to "Kolynos," 4, Farringdon Avenue, London, E.C.

OUR CHRISTMAS COMPETITION.

Four Five Shilling Prizes will be awarded in December for the best toys made at a cost of not more than 1s. The toys must be sent to the Editorial Office, 20, Upper Wimpole Street, with a coupon in the issue of December 6th. They will be sent to Superintendent Nurses for distribution amongst the children in workhouse infirmaries.

OUR FOREIGN LETTER.

THE BRITISH RED CRESCENT SOCIETY'S INDUSTRIES FOR THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS AMONGST REFUGEES AND SOLDIERS' FAMILIES AT BROUSSA.

It seems impossible to realise that twelve months have gone since the war began, and also (except for a few weeks) since we came out to nurse the wounded Turkish soldiers. Gone—and what has happened? Thousands upon thousands of lives lost, such an enormous amount of pain and human suffering, that only God Himself could realise, as He looked down upon the deserted battlefields that we could not see. And all for what? By what stroke of fate, luck, diplomacy, or good generalship has Turkey regained her lost possessions, the possessions that cost those thousands of lives to take, to hold, to lose and to regain?

The cause of the war and its effect are not to be told in a moment, and do not concern us here. One of the causes was the cherishing of such sentiments as that spoken by a *Christian* King to his soldiers on the eve of the war in the name of the Cross: "Tell your children of our enemies, and how we hate them; tell them to tell their children, till we are revenged." The effect of this is not yet apparent, the last chapter of the war has yet to be written.

I do not wish to enter into a comparison between the conduct of the Christian and the Turk, but those followers of the Cross have much to learn before they flaunt their Christianity in the faces of the followers of the Crescent.

Those who know the country know that for many years the massacres in Macedonia have been, internecine massacres between Orthodox Greek, Greek and Bulgar, for the most part promoted on political grounds, by interested third parties, with the intention that *Turkey* should revenge the massacre by exterminating the two parties to it—"And when the King heard thereof he was wroth, and sent his servants to kill those murderers, and to burn their cities"—and that the attention of Europe should be drawn to the wickedness of the Turk for wiping out a "peaceful" Christian village!

To know the Turk is to like him, more especially the country people—not the new Turk, who is "neither fish, flesh, fowl, nor good red herring," not *en masse*, but individually. They are simple, courteous, hospitable, gentle and religious. The man that "gun da besh defa namaz kelar," prays five times a day, is the best man; he is honest, grateful, and amenable to reason.

They have a great faith in our nation; the word of an Englishman is their bond. How often, having been delayed in my rounds through the villages, we have arrived to find the muhajirs (refugees) sitting in the streets waiting for us and heard it said, "Oh, yes, we knew you would come"! Again, when some women came all the way from Asia Minor and sat on the Bridge in

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