

It is made of a very stout cardboard box, 21 inches wide by 18. The top and front panel open on strong holland hinges, and the inside exactly represents a charming ward; the three sides lined with paper painted with white frieze, pale green walls, and green tiled dado—the floor painted to represent parquet. The windows, door, and fireplace are wonderfully realistic, and the bed ticket, temperature chart, and case ticket hang over each cot. The five miniature cots are made of brass, $4\frac{1}{2}$ in. long by $2\frac{1}{4}$ in. wide, with tiny mattresses, pillows, sheets, blankets, and spotted muslin coverlets complete. Wee china patients in nighties repose most peacefully within, and a white locker stands beside each cot. Sister wears R.N.S. uniform, and her underlinen and cap are neatly trimmed with lace: she possesses a little ward table and chair. The doctor, though absent, is not forgotten—his table is also provided with tiny white jug (with towel through handle) and basin, and soap dish containing *real* soap. This toy is a marvel of ingenuity at the price, and might well be sold for several shillings. It will delight hospital children who love the familiar. Close up front panel, and put down the lid, and there remains only a tidy box easily stored and kept clean.

THE "EXPERIENCED GENERAL."

Had Miss Arscott competed, she would have won a prize with her amusing "experienced general," constructed with a wooden spoon and little mop stick. A face is painted on the outside of the spoon and the mop stick tied behind, so that the wool appears as white hair, with a blue ribbon bow around neck. The skirt is of very coarse crash, the shawl a cotton mesh dish cloth, and the apron a check duster—a really realistic figure.

On the back is printed the following information:—

You stir the porridge with my face,
And with my apron dust the place,
The dishes wash up with my shawl,
'Tis very strong, though rather small;
My shirt you see is not a hobble,
'Twill clean your floors without much trouble.
And if you want a mop, 'tis said
You'll find it in my wooden head;
Just take me as I here appear,
You'll find me useful and not dear;
My hair is really turning grey
Because Lloyd George I must obey.

The toys will reach their destinations at Workhouse Infirmaries by the end of the week, and we hope will give much pleasure to the little ones to whom they are given.

We warmly thank our readers for such a generous supply of charming gifts.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES.

THE REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES.

The second paper at the Afternoon Session at the Annual Meeting, on November 27th, was presented by Miss M. Breay, on "The Registration of Nursing Homes."

Having outlined the proposals of the London County Council, Miss Breay said that she believed every one in the room recognized the desirability of the registration of nursing homes, and was prepared to support it under suitable conditions. She pointed out that the Chairman of the Public Control Committee frankly avowed that the object of the proposed registration was to get rid of what was at present a disgrace to London—the use of massage and manicure establishments as disorderly houses, and had stated that very few nursing homes were used in this way. He further expressed the opinion that there need not be a large number of new inspectors, as existing inspectors in connection with employment agencies and the Shop Acts could be utilized. She suggested that in view of the proposed legislation it would be reasonable to ask the Public Control Committee of the L.C.C. to receive a Deputation of trained nurses, to place before it their point of view, and that, if received, they should ask that the inspection of Nursing Homes should be carried out by highly skilled nurses, women whose position in the nursing world entitled them to professional confidence and respect.

A resolution to this effect was proposed, seconded, and adopted.

As a result of this resolution, the Parliamentary Bills Committee of the London County Council agreed to receive a Deputation.

DEPUTATION TO THE PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE OF THE LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL.

On Thursday, December 11th, the Parliamentary Committee of the London County Council received a Deputation from the National Council of Trained Nurses. The Deputation was introduced by the President, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and included Miss B. Cutler, Hon. Secretary; Miss R. Cox-Davies, Matron, Royal Free Hospital; Miss M. Breay, and the following Lady Superintendents of Nursing Homes: Miss L. Skinner, cert. St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Miss E. Parry, cert. St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Miss M. E.

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