

We have great pleasure in announcing that the Prince of Wales has given a donation of £25 to the Dartmoor Nursing Association towards the initial expenses of a nurse for one district, increased his annual subscription to £25, and given a further donation of £25 towards the initial expenses of a nurse for another district.

The claims of district nursing associations to support are too often overlooked.

A successful concert was recently given by the Hendon Volunteer Training Corps in the Parish Hall, the Broadway, Hendon, with the object of supporting the effort to raise £100 a year for a district nurse at West Hendon, as it is felt that the services of Nurse Cox, who has worked there for some years, should, if possible, be retained.

The receipts amounted to £10, a contribution which will be greatly appreciated.

Lady Wimborne was present at the annual meeting of the St. Lawrence's Catholic Home for Nurses (Q.V.J.I.) at 34, Rutland Square, Dublin, when the Right Hon. the Master of the Rolls presided, and, supporting the motion for the adoption of the Report, said how proud she was to be wearing the medal of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Nurses' Central Institute, which had been pinned on by the Queen Mother. She had a great knowledge of the work of Queen's Nurses, the value of which was incalculable. In such Homes as they were in at present they received a perfect training, and she appealed to all to help it.

The Chairman expressed great regret that it should be necessary to reduce the number of nurses.

TOYS FOR TINIES.

We own to a twinge of conscience when boxes of toys began to arrive for the "Tinies." We had not invited kind friends to send them this year, as we felt that the majority of our readers were giving with the utmost generosity all that they could spare to fatherless children they knew, and we have been so overburdened with work, we hesitated to add to it. That is why we felt the prick. We have to thank Sister Mason, R.N.S., for two lovely dolls, Sister Grant for a box full of dollies, Miss E. Taylor for balls, golliwogs and crackers, Miss A. Martin for books, trumpets and dolls, Mrs. Long for sweets and toys, Miss A. Carter for bricks, trains and sweets. All these delightful gifts will gladden the hearts of children of very poor, overworked widows, and the kind donors may rest assured they will make Christmas a very happy time for them.

SOME HOSPITALS I HAVE SEEN.

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Victoria, on the island of Vancouver, and the town of Vancouver on the mainland of British Columbia, present many interesting points of contrast. The former has been established for the past 60 years or more; it is a conservative city, clinging—I should imagine—a little too closely to traditions and precedents. The channel, which is crossed in four hours, brings one to the great, bustling City of Vancouver. Until 1886 the site on which it stands was covered with dense forest! So phenomenal has been its growth, its population of 207,000 is more than three times the size of that of Victoria. The growth of this town has to do with the story of the romance of a great transcontinental railway, the *thin steel line* which connects the east with the west, and of which Vancouver is the Pacific terminus—the Canadian Pacific Railway, commonly called the C.P.R. One of the essential needs of a great town throbbing with business activities is, of course, a hospital, suitable in size and to the requirements of its modern life. This is supplied admirably by the

VANCOUVER GENERAL HOSPITAL.

It is interesting to note that not only in equipment, treatment, and—as a natural corollary—training, are rapid changes taking place, but in hospital construction as well. Here, as in others I have seen, the "unit system" obtains. The unit consists of 1 public ward, 4 semi-private rooms, 5 private rooms, with the necessary diet kitchens and offices. This fine hospital, beautifully situated on high ground, has accommodation for 492 patients, and has been a training school since 1899. It is partly supported by the State and partly by the Province. The three years' training includes three months' midwifery, which is supplied by the Maternity Department of the hospital. We cannot help hoping that in the near future six months will be the minimum period of time for training in this important branch of nursing, following the example of the Rotunda, Dublin. The City Contagious Diseases Hospital is incorporated in this building, and one block is devoted to the needs of advanced phthisical cases—a very happy idea. The idea of the "Silent Zone" area about the hospital is also admirable; it is a question of street construction. The Department of Nursing, which appears to be making the most rapid progress, is the long-neglected one of *Dietetics*. Among the staff of all up-to-date hospitals on the American Continent, there is always a trained dietician to train the pupils. On more than one occasion she has been a graduate of Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York. This is of great interest, inasmuch as that it is there that a Chair of Nursing and Health has been established. The Social Service Department of this hospital is doing splendid work; it is under the control of the

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