

endeavours to assist in improving the lot of the sick and afflicted. One of the main agencies for attaining that object was in the creation of an adequate supply of nurses, who had received the best possible training that could be given. Notwithstanding the great efforts which had been put forth during the last ten or fifteen years, the demand for fully trained nurses had been far greater than the supply. The terrible war which had now been in progress for over two years had created a still further great demand which it was almost impossible adequately to meet. Thanks, however, to the unmatched patriotism of our army of nurses, the disadvantages arising from such an abnormal condition of affairs had been reduced to a minimum. There was need for nurses to be banded together and to protect their rightful interests.

The Chairman explained the work that was being done by the association on behalf of Poor Law Nurses, more particularly with regard to representation on the Council of the suggested College of Nursing.

A telegram was read from Dr. Faith, assistant medical officer, township of Leeds Infirmary, wishing the formation of the section every success.

A resolution that a separate nursing section for Yorkshire be formed was carried unanimously, and the following officers were elected:—President, Miss Gebhard, assistant matron, Leeds; senior vice-president, Miss Cross, Wakefield; junior vice-president, Miss Kershaw, Dewsbury; secretary, Miss Ward, Bramley; treasurer, Miss Waddington, Leeds; committee: Miss Truogill and Miss Graham, Huddersfield; Mrs. Harris, Halifax; Miss Clarke, Leeds; Mrs. Ritchie, Bradford; Miss Elliott, Northallerton; and Miss Hare, North Bierley, together with the officers.

#### IN LOVING MEMORY.

The Edith Cavell Hospital and School was opened in Paris on Thursday by M. Justin Godart, Under Secretary of State for War, to mark the first anniversary of the judicial murder by the Germans of the heroic English nurse.

The hospital places 100 beds at the immediate disposal of the Army Medical Service. The present buildings are temporary, pending the erection by public subscription of more extensive premises. Sir George Frampton has presented a bust of Miss Cavell.

A memorial to Miss Cavell was unveiled in the nurses' dining-room at Shoreditch Infirmary, Hoxton Street, where she was at one time Assistant Matron, on Thursday. The ceremony was performed by the Mayor of the Borough and Dr. Addison.

## KINDERGARTEN IN A GREAT PUBLIC HOSPITAL.

By FELIX J. KOCH.

Fascinating . . . ?

Despite the tremendous element of the pathetic, it's the most fascinating phase of kindergartening work—of hospital social service—in the world.

There is nothing sadder than a little child who is sick; and when this poor little mite is not only sick, but homesick for mother and sisters and brothers, and abashed by the strange doctors and the nurses, and doesn't know what to do with itself, to bring it the blessings of kindergartening work is indeed to do it good, and bring a glow to one's own heart as well.

Down in the big Public Hospital at Cincinnati, Superintendent Bachmeyer has secured the services of Miss Imogene Pool and Mrs. Betts, both notable workers along this particular phase of social service, to organise and perfect such kindergartening for the little ones. Organizing a kindergartening is, as a rule, sufficiently difficult, but when there are the insuperable handicaps that holding such school in a hospital entail, the difficulties increase many fold.

For example, you cannot marshal all your pupils into one chamber. Some are in bed in the wards far downstairs; some are able to move by roller-chair, some to walk, to one of the two classrooms assigned; some are in the wards up on the roof; and all these need attendance alike.

Then there is the further fact of most irregular attendance. If Jackie Roosa's temperature isn't just so-and-so to-day, Jackie is ordered by the physician not to attend kindergartening. If Jackie Roosa has a "doubtful" chart the nurse must wait till the doctor gets around to him to see if he be well enough to go, and so Jackie may come tripping into class long after the fixed hour. What is more, Jackie may just be "progressing nicely" in his kindergartening work when, lo, he is discharged from the hospital as "cured," and Jackie's good example on the rest is lost to the class for ever.

But, to return to the kindergartening in the big public hospital. It is half-past nine in the morning and the start of kindergartening time.

The teachers are ready, the little folk—who love the work—are eager. They get two hours of it a day, and to some these two hours will not come till late afternoon; for, of course, the teachers can't be everywhere at once; and already these too are thinking of it, expectant, delighted.

The children chosen are those of four years at least and are not to exceed six years old. Beyond this point the little ones go to a public school, also maintained in the hospital.

Here, there, the other-where, in this big republic of the sick, the children are moving to classes in wheel-chairs with thick, noiseless, rubber tyres, are being propelled to the actual classroom. Down other corridors other little ones slipper along, in

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