

## THE MARLBOROUGH SCHOOL OF MOTHERCRAFT.

The Marlborough School of Mothercraft, 29-31, Trebovir Road, Earl's Court, S.W., has for its object the interests of Public Health relating to infants. That is to say, the girls and women who are trained in the school are fitted for posts as Health Visitors, Superintendents of Infant Welfare Centres, and Matrons of Babies' Homes, &c., or to equip themselves for life in this country or overseas.

The duration of training is six months, and the fees ten pounds a month. This delightful and urgently needed scheme has been developed, financed and launched by private enterprise—*i.e.*, by the Director, Miss Wheatley, and the Organising Secretary, Miss Winifride Wrench. A very sound,

purpose, and the pupils are taught to prepare each feed from the prescription on the infant's case paper, scientifically adapted to the requirements of the child.

The night nurseries are bright and airy, and double the amount of cubic air space is allowed to the minimum required. The house has a balcony running the whole length both back and front, so that the infants can be placed in the open air during the whole day.

There is a delightful day nursery with French windows opening on to the balcony, with a large pen in the centre. The cots for the older infants are of white wood, and each has a charming little hanging chintz bag for the personal possessions of King Baby. "Reginald" and Winifred" were in process of being fed on the occasion of our visit; two bright, happy little babies, Reginald being an especially beautiful child. On admission they



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practical training is given to the student in the care of resident babies, and as extreme thoroughness is a great feature, the authorities aim at concentrating on a few infants, rather than run the risk of attending less thoroughly on a larger number. A nursing mother is in residence also when practicable, though this cannot always be achieved.

The Clean Milk cult is perhaps the most important feature of this excellent work, and the authorities claim that the milk obtained from the Mountmoor Farm, Basingstoke, is the purest in this country. It is bottled within two minutes of leaving the cow. It does not contain more than 10,000 bacteria per cubic centimetre against the six million of the ordinary London milk. Percentage feeding is the rule in this school, and the pupils are thoroughly and scientifically taught the preparation of infants' feeds by this method. The milk kitchen is spacious and well fitted for its

were pathetic little specimens all "hungry mouths." "Charlie" in his cot on the balcony is still frail and wistful-looking, but improving, and no doubt the pure milk, open air, and skilled attention will in due time put him on the road to become a useful citizen.

The infants' washing is done on the premises, the basement in one house being used for this purpose. The laundry is designedly simple in its arrangements in order that the pupils may not learn to rely on labour-saving apparatus which it would not be possible to obtain under ordinary circumstances. It should be here noted that the pupils are only employed on such domestic work as is directly connected with their little charges.

It is possible to take 17 pupils, and they are evidently well considered. They are provided with good accommodation, their bedrooms being particularly attractive.

That this is a labour of love is evidenced on

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