

and the hens clucking on the afternoon of our visit, for the babies "to a man" were outside in the charming garden, lying in their Treasure Cots, or toddling around listening to real thrushes singing in the bushes. The dormitories contain at most four cots, with a bed for the pupil nurse on duty.

In the young babies' room the trained nurse and the Matron take it in turns to sleep. Everything is simple and plain and the cots are covered with pretty chintz, which in the case of the tinies is patterned with rose-buds.

The Home runs its own laundry, where anything, up to a thousand pieces, is turned out weekly. When one presently was introduced to the babies, this apparently large amount became understandable. In the kitchen the tea for the "toddlers" was being prepared by a pupil. On delightful crockery, with pictures of "puff-puffs," were spread dainty jam sandwiches, bread and butter, and sponge fingers. The art of preparing meals is evidently not overlooked in the training.

And then last, but not least, out in the two gardens were the babies themselves.

At the risk of being open to a charge of flattery, we say we have seldom or never seen a more charming collection of healthy and pretty children, or any more beautifully kept.

Dainty cambric frocks, spotless "woollies," bright heads, faultless finger nails, heaven reflected in their eyes (does the Matron advertise for blue-eyed babies?), brown faces, sturdy, firm limbs, each was sweeter than the last.

It was visiting day we chanced upon and here and there was an adoring mother making the most of limited time with her particular treasure.

Under the trees was a little child in a swing gurgling with delight as his particular nurse administered this form of enjoyment. In a pram was a small thing in a white suit with pockets new to greet the Princess.

Tea in the gardens on miniature tables with miniature chairs in position. Could anything be more attractive on a June afternoon? And if the mothers go away with an ache in their hearts, surely it must be alleviated by the thought of all the love and care with which their children are surrounded.

The Lady Superintendent, Mrs. Paull, is not a trained nurse, though she has had much experience with healthy children.

She thinks that healthy children should be treated from a health standpoint, and not from a sick nurse's point of view. A trained nurse is, however, always in residence in case of ailments, and a domestic science mistress comes in to give lectures to the pupils. Certainly under Mrs. Paull's care the children are blooming like the roses this month.

There is a "but" to everything, and it is the same "but" that applies to every institution nowadays—the Hostel wants funds.

A great opportunity to girls wishing to train as children's nurses is offered in this Home.

H. H.

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

The King held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace on June 8th, and bestowed the following honours:—

THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.
OFFICERS.

Matron Edith Lyde, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Miss Emma Dodd, Territorial Force Nursing Service, and Sarah, Mrs. O'Keefe, British Red Cross Society.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Miss Nellie Thompson, Civil Nursing Service.
Miss Helen Montfort, British Red Cross Society.
Miss Enid Bazley, Miss Ermytrude de Trafford, and Miss Jeannette Gaydon, Voluntary Aid Detachment.

Miss Eliza Covey, South African Army Medical Corps.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

Miss Marie McGrath, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve, and Miss Katherine Lowe, Territorial Force Nursing Service.

His Majesty the King held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace on June 11th, when he bestowed the following Orders and Decorations.

THE MOST EXCELLENT ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

Commanders.—Military Division: Matron Jane Hoadley, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.

Officers.—Sister Elizabeth Macaulay, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service; Miss Edith Appleton, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve (also received the Royal Red Cross (First Class)).

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (FIRST CLASS).

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Miss Elizabeth Baillie, Miss Marion Barwell, Miss Ida Brooke, and Miss Maud Plaskitt.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Miss Mary Bate, Miss Gertrude Bulman, Miss Annie Leech, and Miss Ada Pepler.

Civil Nursing Service.—Miss Margaret Macmillan.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—May, Mrs. MacWatters.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS (SECOND CLASS).

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service.—Miss Lilian Newland and Miss Jane Young.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.—Miss Mary Brown, Miss Jessie Morty, Miss Ada Murray, Miss Ann O'Donnell, Miss Daisy Perry, and Miss Evelyn Pike.

Territorial Force Nursing Service.—Miss Violet Beamish, Miss Lucy Bowman, Miss Beatrice Brayshaw, Miss Margaret Briggs, and Miss Annie Fishwick.

Civil Nursing Service.—Miss Julia Armstrong.

British Red Cross Society.—Maud, Mrs. Burrige, Miss Amelia Cargill, Miss Barbara Jefferys, Miss Sarah Norfield, Miss Alice Phillips, and Miss May Purdie.

Voluntary Aid Detachment.—Edith, Mrs. Faunce, Miss Rosamond Le Cocq, and Miss Daisy Russell.

THE MILITARY MEDAL.

Miss Beatrice Dascombe, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve; Miss Maude De Guerin, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve; Geneste, Mrs. Beeton, Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps.

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