

part of the teachers, and the immediate response of the children to the low tones which guided them in work and play. Bad workmen blame their tools, but a good workman can do wonders with bad tools.

Nevertheless, new quarters are sadly needed for this splendid work, and new quarters are not to be built without money, and a good deal of money.

This centre is managed with an economy that is most praiseworthy, and thus deserves the support of the charitable.

Centres of this kind should follow in the wake of every elementary school.

If the unfortunate working mother, who is so often so unjustly blamed, were more considered and helped in the exhausting work of bringing up her large brood, we should hear less of vices which too often spring from sheer desperation and the longing to escape from the hopeless monotony and endless work of her daily life.

Nursery Schools are perhaps the best answer to the problem. H. H.

### SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TRAINED NURSES.

Two "Noel Buxton" Scholarships of £35 each, entitling successful candidates to six months' free training are to be awarded at the Mothercraft Training Society (Founder, Dr. F. Truby King). Applicants must be fully-qualified hospital nurses with C.M.B. certificates, under 40 years of age, and prepared to undertake administrative work. Application should be made by letter to Matron, M.T.S., 29, Trebovir Road, Earl's Court, before May 25th. The training will be invaluable to those fortunate enough to gain the scholarships.

### TRAINING IN MOTHERCRAFT.

Miss M. Liddiard, Matron of the Society, points out in a letter to the *Times* how very rarely one hears of a course in mothercraft, and that it is surely of supreme national importance that our girls should have a definite scientific and practical knowledge of how to best produce and rear a healthy family—the most wonderful and sacred work of all, and yet the one for which there is usually no preparation. In the writer's opinion every girl, at the end of her school days, should have definite instruction in this subject; there would not then be the unnecessary suffering and terrible waste of infant life which now goes on in every class of society. Such knowledge is never wasted for a woman; it develops the maternal instinct, gives her a better understanding of life. If she never has children of her own, she is able to help and encourage others; there are mothers and babies everywhere who need help. This is essentially a woman's job, and the most soul-satisfying work to which a woman can devote her life.

Lord Howard de Walden has been elected President of Queen Charlotte's Hospital in place of the late Viscount Portman.

### THE CENTRAL MIDWIVES BOARD.

The List of Successful Candidates at the 86th Examination of the Central Midwives Board, held on April 1st, has now been published. The candidates examined were 627, of whom 502 passed the examiners. The percentage of failures was 19.9.

At a special meeting of the Board for the hearing of charges alleged against certified midwives the Board directed that the name of Midwife Helena Kate Robinson (No. 30,364) should be struck off the Roll, and her certificate cancelled.

### THE CLAIMS OF THE COMING GENERATION.

The Bishop of Birmingham presided last week at the Annual Conference, at Crewe House, of the National Council of Public Morals, at which Princess Christian was present, when the subject under discussion was "The Claims of the Coming Generation."

The Earl of Onslow said that a great deal had been done as regards maternity and infant welfare, of which they had satisfactory proof in the fall in infantile mortality from 154 per thousand in 1900 to 80 in 1920. There was a great field yet for effort, and especially voluntary effort.

### A BABIES' HOSTEL.

Princess Alice (Countess of Athlone) last week opened an Auxiliary Babies' Hostel in connection with the National Children's Adoption Association and known as Addison House, at 38, Holland Villas Road, Kensington. The house has been given for the purpose by Mrs. Creagh, who has also endowed it, so that the greater part of the maintenance will be defrayed.

### POST-GRADUATE WEEK.

The ninth annual Post-Graduate Week for Midwives will be held at the General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, Lambeth, from May 23rd-27th inclusive.

The Hon. Sec., from whom full particulars and programme can be obtained, is Miss K. V. Coni.

### THE TREASURE BATH.

The Treasure Cot Co., Ltd., 124, Victoria Street, London, S.W. 1, now supplies the Treasure Bath, which should prove all that its name implies. It is made of best rubber, and folds up. It costs in plain wood 34s. 6d., and in white enamel 39s. 6d.

### NESTLE'S BABY BOOK.

Nestlé's Baby Book (1920) will be sent free on application to Nestlé's Publishing Department, 15, Arthur Street, E.C. 4. This should be of much interest to those who know the value of Nestlé's Milk.

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