

THE ROYAL LIVERPOOL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.

Liverpool has always been famous for its public institutions, and the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital, in Myrtle Street, is an example of a Children's Hospital excellently planned and beautifully kept. Nowhere do we remember having seen wards so designed that they have windows on all four sides, thus catching every scrap of sunshine to be had throughout the day. A distinguishing feature of the wards is also the absence of ledges on which dust can settle, and the reduction of the furniture to a minimum.

The tessellated floors give little opportunity for the lodgment of germs; screens with washable covers give a note of brightness, and the wards are pleasant places for Liverpool's sick children, who have every appearance of enjoying their comfortable quarters, when able playing with some treasured toy, and the little girls specially important with cunning bows of bright ribbon in their hair—a feminine frivolity which they thoroughly appreciate. And yet every child in the hospital is acutely ill, for such is the pressure on its accommodation that directly it is possible the little patients are moved on to the country branch at Heswall, or elsewhere, to progress to recovery in the pure country air and more spacious surroundings.

The Hospital in Myrtle Street, though in the centre of the city, has wide balconies on to which cots can be wheeled when advisable, and where University teachers investigate and demonstrate cases. Special facilities are afforded at the hospital for clinical study, and it is in every way a thoroughly up-to-date and progressive institution.

Mention must also be made of the model theatre and annexes.

The Nursing Staff struck us not only as highly competent in the way they went about their work, in a quiet professional manner, which was a pleasure to watch, but devoted to their little charges, and real child lovers—a very necessary quality if a children's ward is to be a happy place. Beyond this their general standard was certainly above the average, and we are sure that the Lady Superintendent, Miss Constance Worsley, must take great pride, and exercise the greatest care and judgment, in selecting and maintaining a staff of so high a grade. Under the aegis of the General Nursing Council the Royal Liverpool Children's Hospital will afford an invaluable training ground for nurses for the Supplementary part of the Register, containing the names of nurses trained in the nursing of sick children.

Dr. Holt, the Chairman, showed his interest in the organisation of nurses under State authority by presiding at the meeting we recently addressed at the University in Liverpool, and by the attention he gave to our explanation of the Rules, and we do not doubt he will further the

Council's scheme of training. The Hospital is specially fortunate in having as its Matron Miss Worsley, who is a member of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and is thus in close touch with its aspirations, and who has taken so keen and sympathetic an interest in its work, and shown so clear a comprehension of its duties to the profession at large.

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NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

A quiet day for prayer and meditation will be held on St. Andrew's Day, Wednesday, November 30th (by kind permission of the Vicar), at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, conducted by the Rev. H. L. C. de Candole, Canon of Westminster.

The general subject for addresses will be "Abiding in Love." 6.45 a.m. and 8.15 a.m., Celebrations of Holy Communion. 10.30-12.30 (morning).—Address, The Means: 1, Building; 2, Praying; 3, Looking. 3.15-4.30 (afternoon).—Address, The Result: 1, Completeness of Character; 2, Knowledge of Christ. 8.30 p.m., Service with address by the Rev. L. S. Hunter (Chaplain Charing Cross Hospital): Subject, "The Christian Adventure." There will be periods for prayer and silent meditation after each address.

MOTHCRAFT TRAINING SOCIETY "POUND DAY."

On Wednesday, November 16th, the Mothercraft Training Society, Trebovir Road, Earl's Court, S.W., held its first "Pound Day"; and H.R.H. Princess Christian, in addition to honouring it by being present and receiving the "Pound" gifts, conferred the further honour of becoming the Society's President.

The Princess, who was attended by Lady Edmonstone, was received by the Lady Victoria Braithwaite, the Lady Dawson of Penn, Mrs. Fairbairn, Lady Galway, Mrs. Jewesbury, Lady Roger, the Lady Sydenham, Sir Alexander Roger (Chairman of the Executive Committee), Dr. J. S. Fairbairn, and Dr. R. C. Jewesbury.

Most liberal interpretations were put upon the meaning of "Pound" gifts by interested friends, for it covered donations of £250, £25, £10 10s., £5, 24 yds. of beautiful white flannel, a rubber hot-water bottle, 56 lbs. of potatoes, &c. The gifts amounted in all to £262; this sum includes an approximate valuation of the many useful household gifts.

All connected with the work have been deeply touched by the great generosity shown, and what they have perhaps appreciated most of all have been the many gifts, whether large or small, sent by those who have made the occasion an opportunity for showing the gratitude they feel for services rendered to their own little ones by the Hospital.

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