

Preparation for Infant Welfare Work is one of the special aims of the Hospital.

The hospital is greatly in need of funds, and at the present time Sir Nevile Wilkinson's wonderful doll's house, "Titania's Palace," is on view at Messrs. Marshall & Snelgrove's, Oxford Street, W., in aid of the charity.

The last two remaining cases of smallpox in London have been discharged from the Long Reach Isolation Hospital, Dartford, and an official of the Metropolitan Asylums Board on Saturday stated that the Metropolitan area is now "all clear." This is good news, but no reason for relaxing vigilance in connection with vaccination. Idleness and ignorance are the chief reasons why parents fail to have their children vaccinated, and thus endanger the lives and health of the community.

The Maudsley Hospital, which will be opened by the L.C.C. on January 31, is the first municipal institution for early treatment of lunacy and scientific research into causes of insanity.

The conditions of the Christian refugees arriving at the Piræus (Greece) is truly deplorable. Out of a total of 2,000 in one ship, sixteen hundred are stricken with typhus, smallpox, and cholera, and two out of the three doctors on board are ill.

Thirty-five of the refugees died and were buried at sea, and a further twenty-five have died since the vessel's arrival in Piræus Harbour. These bodies have been ordered by the Greek health authorities to be cremated in the ship's furnaces.

The Greek Government has now prohibited the admission of further refugees until the epidemics have been brought under control.

This is a task which the Greek Government cannot carry out alone, as the health situation throughout the refugee camps has now become critical. What is the British Red Cross Society doing in the matter? It has the money and the power and should use them for the benefit of humanity, or stand aside and let others do the work.

Miss Clara D. Noyes, Director of Nursing American Red Cross, a service of highly-qualified Registered Nurses, reports in the *American Journal of Nursing* that the American Red Cross has established its headquarters in Athens, and in co-operation with the Greek Government, Greek Red Cross, and other National Committees such as the International Red Cross, and the League of Nations, is doing all it can to mitigate the suffering. Large quantities of material have been bought in Europe and several shiploads of goods, clothing, food and medical supplies sent from America. About \$1,500,000 has already been spent by the Red Cross for this purpose.

In addition to the nurses who have been assigned to this work, the following sailed for Greece on December 9th:—Christine M. Nuno, Alice G. Carr, Mary M. A. Weiss, Eleanor Dove.

## ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

The courses of training for Sanitary Officers, Health Visitors and School Nurses and Maternity and Child Welfare Workers for the Spring Term, arranged by the Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. 1, commence on January 31st and February 2nd.

These training courses are of particular interest just now when so many educated women are being appointed on the staff of Public Health Authorities, and the demand for trained women appears to be increasing.

The Lectures are followed by the standard Examinations of the Institute, which are recognised in all parts of the British Empire.

### EXAMINATION FOR HEALTH VISITORS AND SCHOOL NURSES.

The Royal Sanitary Institute established in 1908 an examination for Health Visitors and School Nurses, and the Certificates granted have been very widely adopted by local authorities in making appointments.

In 1919 the Board of Education set out requirements with regard to the training and qualification of Health Visitors, and arranged for the granting of certificates which the Ministry of Health stated would be necessary for appointments requiring Government sanction and grant, after a date to be prescribed.

From time to time modifications of these requirements have been introduced, and in July, 1922, the Ministry issued a memorandum naming the Board of Education certificate and also other alternative qualifications that would for the present be accepted for appointments.

The regulations for admission to this Examination of the Royal Sanitary Institute have been extended so as to include qualifications named in the memorandum of the Ministry, and from January, 1923, all candidates for the Institute's Certificate will be required to have:—

- (a) Training in the duties of a nurse at a recognised Hospital Training School for a period of not less than three years; with
- (b) The Certificate of the Central Midwives Board or other equivalent qualification in Midwifery; and also
- (c) Attendance at a course of training approved by the Royal Sanitary Institute.

The Examinations of the Royal Sanitary Institute are well known, and it is thought that this certificate, which specially applies to the work and duties of a Health Visitor, being supplemental to the minimum requirements of the Ministry of Health, will be considered by local authorities in making appointments as providing evidence of additional training.

The Nurses' Registration Acts are already beginning to bear fruit. Would that hospital authorities had not opposed nursing legislation for thirty years.

Two dances, in aid of local institutions, have been arranged in Cardiff—one last Tuesday in aid of King Edward VII's Hospital, and the other the ball in aid of the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for Nurses on Friday, February 9th.

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