

wouldn't 'a done what I done, not even for her little Son. 'An all the while He was plannin' to help me."

"Therefore be merry, set sorrow aside." "So I will," he said. "Buck up, Missis, we can go and sit by Jacky to-morrow. I reckon he'll be well enough to watch that Christmas Tree, and fancy them gettin' a stockin' ready for 'im, God love 'em."

"I don't seem to feel merry somehow with little Jacky bad," said the Missis, resentfully.

"Missis, old dear, don't you fret you'll have him back soon; that carol 'as put this in my mind—there ain't nothing but what that little 'un can save us from."

"If Jacky 'adn't been took bad, I shouldn't have never told you 'ow I come by them things. So you see He saved me from being a thief. An' He *must* love Jacky with his purty little ways better than a great ugly thing like me."

H. H.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

On Saturday in last week the Queen paid an informal visit to the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W., where she was received by Dr. Eric Pritchard (Medical Director), and Miss Hughes (the Matron), and made a very complete tour of the institution.

The 200th anniversary of the opening of Guy's Hospital, S.E., will be celebrated on January 6th, 1925, when a service in memory of the founder, Thomas Guy, will be held in Southwark Cathedral. The Prince of Wales, who is President of the hospital, has promised to attend.

Queen Alexandra, through her private secretary, has written to Lady Plender, honorary treasurer of the Elizabeth Garrett Anderson Hospital, giving her warm support to the Extension Appeal Fund. Her Majesty remembers, with pleasure, that she laid the foundation stone of the present building.

Lord Riddell has been unanimously elected to the office of president of the Royal Free Hospital in succession to the late Princess Christian.

The Corporation of the City of London has agreed to allow the freehold of Bethlem Hospital to pass to the Governors of the hospital, and in return to take the freehold of a new site, near Croydon, which the Governors propose to acquire.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children has received an anonymous donation of £1,000 in response to the special appeal recently issued.

Captain H. H. C. Baird, Bridge, near Canterbury, writes to inform legless pensioners that they can obtain a free issue of stump socks to replace those worn out or shrunk, and also that the Ministry of Pensions have just completed arrangements by which the quality of the socks is to be much improved. Application should be made through the area officer of the Ministry of Pensions in their district, which can be obtained at any post office.

QUEEN'S HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, HACKNEY RD.

The Duke of York, who presided on November 17th at a dinner in aid of the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, E., said that he was very proud of the hospital, and, as more and more confidence in its usefulness was forthcoming, his pride in its work was proportionately increased.

The toast of "The Medical, Surgical and Nursing Staff" was proposed by the Duchess of Somerset, supported by Mr. J. Meller, Chairman of the House Committee, and replied to by Dr. E. Bellingham Smith. The collection during the evening amounted to £9,642.

KING EDWARD VII HOSPITAL, WINDSOR.

THE NEW NURSES' HOME.

The New Nurses' Home at King Edward VII Hospital, Windsor, which H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, President of the Hospital, opened on Wednesday, 26th instant, is an important addition to this fine hospital.

The Home provides accommodation for 30 members of the Nursing Staff, who, more especially the Sisters, may arrange their rooms according to their own personal taste. The colour scheme is both charming and restful. The walls are coloured a deep cream (Devonshire cream indicates best the particular shade), and the dado is a sepia brown which blends harmoniously with the cream colour.

The Sisters' sitting-room, with its pretty brown carpet, blue-tiled grate, blue curtains, and blue the prevailing note in the coverings of the comfortable chairs and couches, has a most restful and inviting appearance, and the same holds good of the nurses' sitting-room.

The bedrooms are on three floors, the night nurses being allotted the top floor, two bath-rooms on two of the floors, and one on the night nurses' floor, who can also use those on the floor below, provide the necessary accommodation. The bedrooms are spacious and airy and delightfully home-like, just the sanctums which nurses will delight to call their own, and should prove an attraction to those thinking of entering the training school. Some of the windows face towards Windsor, and have a view of the Castle.

The foundation stone of the hospital was laid by King Edward VII, whose name it bears.

It is a handsome building with steep-pitched red-tiled roof, and bearing the Royal Arms over the principal entrance. It has accommodation for about 100 patients, a fine operating theatre, and is recognised as a Training School for Nurses by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. The beautiful board-room with large rounded windows contains many portraits indicative of the interest of the Royal House in its welfare. King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra, the King and Queen, the Prince of Wales, present President of the hospital, the Duke of Athlone, and other Royalties look down upon the horse-shoe table at which the Board transacts its business.

The recreation of the nursing staff has not been forgotten, for a tennis court of a material known as "en tous cas" has recently been laid down.

The Matron, Miss Penelope M. Morris, S.R.N., who has seen war service, was trained at the Middlesex Hospital, and was Sister in charge of wards there. She is a keen gardener, but most of her gardening has to be done before breakfast, as there is little time afterwards in the full life of a hospital matron to indulge in this pleasant hobby.

THE TEACHING OF SEX.

Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D., speaking at a conference at the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, on "The Teaching of Sex," said:—"Whatever parents tell their children about sex must be true. There must be no nonsense about the doctor bringing the baby in a black bag. We must answer the questions of small children in the spirit in which they are asked, the spirit of simplicity, for there is no nastiness in the mind of the child, but curiosity and a determination to know. There should be nothing to excite curiosity and lead a child beyond its stage of development. The over-garrulous parent is as much to blame as the over-reticent parent who will tell a child nothing, snub it, or tell it an untruth."

The London County Council have endorsed the recommendation of their General Purposes Sub-committee that sex hygiene should not be taught as a class subject in elementary schools.

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