

catalogue, and, when we had duly admired this, confided to us that he liked the Hospital and was hoping to stay in it for a long, long time. His companions were each anxious to extol it, and began to give us descriptions of all the wonderful things that happened there, but the signal was given to pass on, and the children bade us good-bye like old friends. We could not but realise that the Hospital was giving to these little dwellers in the London slums even a greater gift, perhaps, than that of health, for things sink deeply into the heart of a child, and who shall say what, in after years, may be the fruits of being given, at some stage of their life, an experience which engenders feelings of reverence and respect towards people who enter into their lives during childhood, and a knowledge, too, which can never desert them, that in the wide, wide world there are those who, with loving kindness and under the impulse given by Him who loved the little children, have provided this home of healing with its dowry of memories of care and warmth and simple comfort. One can learn much from children, and it was a real joy to walk through the wards and to see, in many little faces, each prepared with its smile of welcome as we passed, an unconscious imitation of the attitude of others towards themselves.

The children, in summer, spend much of their time on the balconies of the wards, except the heart cases who, we are told, do not do well there owing to the constant noise and vibration. Next to the wards are spacious kitchens, most of them with walls of white glass, each has a well-stocked linen cupboard, its ice box, gas stove, etc. The bathroom and lavatory accommodation are good, and we admired the gleaming brasses over the beds, the shining glass-topped tables, the pretty, light screens, the inevitable rocking-horse, battered and worn with usage, but still the beloved of the children. There was a general air of happiness all round in spite of the sadness of screens protecting the other children from the harmful impressions of a case of "Viper's Dance," as they term it, and an occasional wailing marasmus baby, who finds existence a burdensome sort of thing. In one ward we came upon a memento of the Great War, all the more touching because it stands in a hospital for children. A carved ship was placed in the centre of a great brass Memorial plate over a cot in which smiled up at us a little round dimpled face with rosy cheeks, blue eyes and flaxen curls. It was explained to us that the cot owed its endowment to H.M.S. *The Black Prince*, the Officers and Men of which agreed to save what was over from their mess allowance in order that they might endow a cot in the Queen's Hospital for Children. Alas, before they had completed their beneficent scheme, the great ship with its gallant crew went down in the Battle of Jutland and the cot was endowed by their relatives as a memorial to them. Round the centre panel of the plate, therefore, stand the names of those patriots, and little children spell them out and learn their early lessons of the heroism of the seas.

In the kitchen we admired especially a fine vacuum dinner wagon which works wonders in securing hot meals. Through the massage department we passed, in sight of the out-patients' department which deals with 158,000 cases annually, to the Nurses' Home and admired its cosy sitting rooms and the bedrooms with their neat, stained furniture.

We were particularly interested in the Lecture Hall, dedicated to the memory of Sir Edward Cooper, Bart., a former Lord Mayor of London. Its cupboards presented an exhaustive supply of utensils for practical demonstrations by the Sister-Tutor, Miss Maud E. Cursiter, S.R.N., certificated at King's College Hospital, whose whole time is devoted to teaching, and interested as we are in Infant Welfare Work, we could not but admire Miss Bushby's cleverly designed feeding bottle for premature babies and

also the excellent cleft palate teat. There is a fine model in the bed, the seats and desks are comfortable and convenient, as may be judged by our illustrations, for which we are indebted to the courtesy of the Secretary, Mr. T. Glenton Kerr, and the Hall is so airy and light that the Nurses must be able to make the most of the teaching given there. In an adjoining room are provided all the requirements for the teaching of sickroom cookery and the setting of sickroom diet trays.

Altogether, the Hospital gives evidence of a broad-minded, intelligent and stimulating administration, and we congratulate Miss Bushby, its Lady Superintendent, on her life work, on her great share in building up this beneficent Institution, and upon the most excellent educational foundations which she had laid for nurses who wish to specialise in children's diseases.

This splendid home of healing is greatly in need of funds—indeed it is in serious financial difficulties—and unless a large sum of money can be collected it may be necessary to close wards at the end of the year. A special appeal is therefore being made, and the Duke of York, who is President of the hospital, will take the chair at a dinner at the Hotel Victoria on November 29th, with the object of raising the £20,000 needed for immediate demands. Subscriptions may be sent to the Secretary, a most courteous and devoted officer, Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, Bethnal Green, London, E.2.

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#### THE BENEFIT OF COMPETITION.

On and after December 1st Messrs MacMillan's paper, the *Nursing Times*, will be used as the Official Organ of the College of Nursing, Ltd., which will assume Editorial control. It is sincerely to be hoped that the College will appoint a Registered Nurse as Editor.

The business arrangements between the College and Messrs. MacMillan have not been divulged. The price of the paper is to be raised to 2d. weekly, but members of the College may obtain it for 8s. 8d. per annum.

#### THE WAR MEMORIAL AT KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.

There have recently been placed in the beautiful chapel of King's College Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E., two mural tablets to perpetuate the memory of twenty-five Students, five Nursing Sisters, two members of the Staff of the Works Department, and two porters who lost their lives in the Great War, and on Tuesday evening the tablets were dedicated by the Dean of King's College (the Rev. W. R. Matthews) assisted by the Chaplain of the Hospital, the Rev. C. S. Garbett. Over seventy persons in all are commemorated in connection with the work of the hospital.

#### THE SUN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF CANADA.

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