

Out-Patient Department offers great opportunity for making such entertainments a success, and it looked particularly bright this year with its decorations carried out mostly in brilliant yellow, always a most effective colour in decorations.

THE WEST END HOSPITAL FOR NERVOUS DISEASES.

The West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Gloucester Gate, Regent's Park, showed evidences everywhere of having kept Christmas with a good heart, when we were privileged to be present at the entertainment given by the nurses to patients and friends on December 29th, when the Matron, Miss K. A. Smith, R.R.C., was an excellent hostess. The Rainbow Troupe provided plenty of lively music, and their sketch, "The Bathroom Door," was thoroughly entertaining. Much credit is due to them for what they managed to accomplish under the handicap of a rather small platform.

At Queen Mary's Hospital for Children, Carshalton, on the Surrey Downs, under the control of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, to which such sick children as are suitable are transferred from London Poor Law Hospitals, extensive use in their treatment is made of direct sunlight at suitable seasons, and it will be seen from the charming illustration which we owe to the courtesy of the Matron, Miss M. Winnill, that they thoroughly enjoy it. For use during the months when effective treatment by direct sunlight is not possible in this country, two Westminster Eidirow Arc Lamps, two Massey Levick Lamps, an air-cooled Mercury Vapour Lamp, a water-cooled Mercury Lamp, and a Sun-ray Lamp have been installed. The hospital is recognised as a Training School in the nursing of Sick Children by the General Nursing Council for England and Wales. It has a well-equipped lecture and demonstration room, and two Sister-Tutors are engaged in instructing the probationer nurses. A Preliminary Training School is also being started.



CHILDREN AT QUEEN MARY'S HOSPITAL, CARSHALTON,
where extensive use is made of direct sunlight.

Her Majesty the Queen sent innumerable gifts of toys to many hospitals, which of course were received with delight.

The Hospital Savings Association is making marvellous progress to judge from its Report recently issued, it has only been in existence for three years, but is able to announce that the rate of its annual income at the end of last July was £150,000. Even more important is the fact that during the past year more than £100,000 new contributors joined the Association, and it has carried £4,500 to reserve. The Association makes it possible for people to make provision for the needs of the family in times of serious illness, and it is altogether wise that such provision should be of a private rather than a public character. Every movement which encourages self-help rather than charitable aid, is in the right direction, and has our entire approval.

Sir Gilbert Wills, a member of the Board of Governors of Guy's Hospital, has given £50,000 for the enlargement and reconstruction of the Outpatient Department, the extension of which is absolutely essential.

Two babies born at the Princess Mary Maternity Hospital, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Christmas morning received complete sets of clothing from the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. Nine babies were born in hospitals in London on Christmas Day, and three of them were named Noel.

Another benefaction from the estate of the late Mr. Peter Coats, of Paisley, is announced. The sum of £17,500 has been offered by the trustees of the estate to the Royal Glasgow Hospital for Sick Children, to assist in increasing the accommodation of the country branch of the hospital. The offer is made on condition that £12,500 is subscribed immediately by other donors. The hospital has received £5,000 and is appealing for the remaining £7,500 to complete the building fund of £30,000.

The Royal Glasgow Hospital for Sick Children is in the very forefront of children's hospitals in Great Britain, and well deserves the financial support of Glasgow's citizens. We have no doubt it will be speedily forthcoming, as they know a good thing when they possess it north of the Tweed.

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