

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

The removal of the Foundling Hospital from London to Redhill, was a sad event to those who venerated the splendid foundation, and loved its quaint arrangements, but there can be no question that the health of the children must have greatly benefited by the change. To judge from the picture on this page, these little girls bringing home the holly at the Foundling Hospital, Redhill, are a lovely little band, and we wish them and all their companions a very Happy Christmas.

The Report of the Education Committee of the London County Council states that health and happiness have attended the conversion of the Foundling Hospital site in Bloomsbury, as a play centre for the children of Central London.

The committee recalls that the site was put at the disposal of the Joint Committee of Voluntary Associations for the Welfare of Children and Young People by the generosity of Lord Rothermere and that arrangements were made for play centres for "toddlers" aged between 3 and 6 and for other children up to 14 years of age.

The "toddlers" centre was conducted on the lines of a nursery school, the children remaining for a midday meal and facilities being provided for washing and rest.

The committee state that the site is in the midst of a thickly populated centre quite unprovided with open spaces, and there is no doubt that the children derived great benefit.

The daily attendance at the "toddlers" centre was 160, and nearly 2,000 children attended the other centre each day.

"They were healthily and happily engaged in the open air, safe from the dangers of the streets."

CHRISTMAS 1928.

Old England bowed in sorrow,
Just at the "Merry" time,
Dreading how each to-morrow
Might hush the Christmas chime!
And England's heart was failing,
When softly from afar,
Across the sky came sailing
Out of the East, a Star!

"I bring you nothing novel and tell you no new thing,
Who shone above the hovel that housed the Infant King,
And since that meek beginning I know Him now as then,
Bent on His eager winning of happiness for men,
Draw you without misgiving nigh to that open ear,
Tell him your England's living gripped by a deadly
Old England knelt a praying, [fear.]
And then her people say,
Dread went no longer straying
Abroad by night and day.

C. B. M.

The above verses by the sister of the Editor were the inspiration of our Editorial Article.

COMING EVENTS.

December 11th.—Miss Mabel F. Hersey, President of the Canadian Nurses' Association, visits Headquarters, National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, to meet the Hon. Officers of the Council and the Presidents of Affiliated Associations, 39, Portland Place, London, W.1. 4.30 p.m.

December 12th.—Mrs. Strong, Consul-General of the British College of Nurses for Scotland. At Home to Fellows and Members of the College at the Scottish Nurses' Club, 205, Bath Street, Glasgow. 4—6 p.m.

December 14th.—League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses. General Meeting, Lecture Room, Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London. 3 p.m.

December 20th.—General Nursing Council for England and Wales. Monthly Meeting. 2.30 p.m.

December 25th.—Christmas Day. Hospital Festivities.

The British College of Nurses,

39, PORTLAND PLACE, W.

December 13th.—Second Lecture on Bacteriology by Dr. Arthur Rosher, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P. 5.30 p.m.



GIRLS OF THE FOUNDLING HOSPITAL, REDHILL, BRINGING HOME THE HOLLY FOR THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS.

December 21st.—Council Meeting. 2 p.m.
1930.

January 20th and 27th and February 3rd.—Course of three lectures on the Ductless Glands by Professor Mottram, M.A. 5.30 p.m.

February 4th.—Debate, "Should Nurses in Hospital Live In or Out?" 8 p.m.

February 13th.—Lecture by Sir Robert Armstrong Jones, C.B.E., F.R.C.P., on "Superstition." 8 p.m.

Royal British Nurses' Association,

194, QUEEN'S GATE, S.W.

December 14th.—Christmas Sale of Work, in aid of the House Beautiful Fund.

SHOULD NURSES IN HOSPITAL LIVE IN OR OUT?

We hope Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses will note that a Debate on the above subject will take place at 39, Portland Place, on February 4th, at 8 p.m., and will come prepared to take part in the discussion, which should prove extremely interesting.

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