

control of the Midwives, together with the water, the police, and the sewage of the district."

THE second pavilion of the Emperor and Empress Frederick Hospital for Children has lately opened in Berlin. The new pavilion is intended for scarlet fever patients only. The Hospital was visited by members of the Berlin Medical Society and of the German Society for Public Hygiene. When the Hospital is finished it will have four isolated pavilions for infectious diseases—one for scarlet fever, one for measles, one for diphtheria, and one for whooping cough. Infinite care is taken to prevent infection. The Medical staff and attendants have themselves completely disinfected before going from one pavilion to another; instruments and utensils are not allowed to be taken from one to another. The food is conveyed in a manner which renders infection impossible, and the vessels used are cleaned in each building. Absolute cleanliness prevails everywhere; the colours of the walls are bright, so that anything suspicious is at once noticed. The comfort of the attendants' rooms excited astonishment, and well they might do, if the dormitories in use at some of our English Nursing schools had been first inspected.

THE prompt action taken by the Directors of the Sick Children's Hospital, Edinburgh, is most praiseworthy, and a lesson to some of the lethargic managers of Metropolitan Charities. A number of cases of typhoid fever have recently occurred in the Hospital, both amongst the Nurses and the patients; one Nurse and one patient died. This gave rise to much anxiety both to the Staff and the Directors, and though nothing very unsatisfactory was found in connection with the drainage the Directors have decided to close the Hospital. The present building was not erected for a hospital, and is consequently inconvenient, and it is probable that an entirely new Hospital will be built. Doubtless an appeal for so wise and humane a purpose would be generously responded to, especially as the management seems in such good hands. The proximity of the present Hospital to the Royal Infirmary is so convenient for students attending the clinics on children's diseases that it may be hoped the present site will be retained.

It is reported that attempts are being made to revive the Co-operative Nursing Association, and that Miss Philippa R. Hicks is to be the Lady Superintendent. I criticised this scheme a year ago, in the crude form in which it then appeared, and I am glad to understand that some professional advice and assistance has since been obtained.

Everyone wishes that Nurses could receive a much larger proportion of their earnings than they obtain at present in consequence of the pernicious system in vogue of increasing the income of charities and the salaries of officials by scandalously underpaying the worker who produces the income.

I LEARN that Miss Annesley Kenealy last Saturday week gave a lecture in the Mission Room, East Sheen, to a large mothers' meeting, at which H.R.H. Princess Mary of Cambridge was present. This was one of a series of five under the patronage of H.R.H., who expressed her utmost approval of the work done by the National Health Society in spreading a knowledge of the laws of health, the management of the sick room, care of infants and children, &c., among the poorer classes. Miss Kenealy is now giving a course of lectures on sick nursing at Eastnor Castle, Ledbury, arranged by Lady Henry Somerset, who feels a deep interest in this branch of a woman's education.

I AM glad to learn that the children of the Jenny Lind Hospital, Norwich, have been again made happy by the re-appearance of Father Christmas in the person of Bosworth Harcourt, Esq., who so kindly responded to Miss Wainwright's invitation. This talented elocutionist, so famous in his own city, may be justly termed "the Norwich Brandram." It is not often that you find in one person the combination of talents that this gentleman possesses, much less often do you find that they have all been used and not buried, a distinct profession being carried on at the same time. You cannot be in this man's company, nor even sit in his drawing-room, without feeling that he is an exceptionally talented man, any more than you can walk a dozen yards in his house or sit at his board without discovering that his lady is, as Tennyson so beautifully puts it,

"Clever in gracious household ways."

In nine cases out of ten a man sinks beneath the sea of adulation which rolls about his feet, or becomes enamoured of his own acquirements and foolishly relinquishes the substance for the shadow, but few have the wisdom to find themselves floating on to fame and fortune at the same time; therefore, seeing that his time is so precious, we can scarcely hope that the kind Father Christmas will be able to respond to all the invitations he will receive, but we know that his greatness of heart will prompt him to do his best.

I AM requested to state that the award in the Special Prize "Badge" Competition will be made

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