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MADE AT THE FESTIVAL DINNER BY

MR. MARTIN SMITH, TREASURER.

"'Success to the Victoria Hospital !' Well, if ever a Hospital deserved success, it is this. (Hear, hear.) It is a most blessed and beneficent Charity, specially devised to help the helpless, to remove from the shoulders of the innocent the burden of suffering that has been cast upon them through no fault of their own-sufferings which bring home to us one of the most terrible denunciations ever uttered against misconduct-' The sins of the fathers shall be visited upon the children.' Now, I do not think I exaggerate when I say that certainly one-half the cases treated within our walls are of this nature, and they, too, are the cases we have the most difficulty in dealing with, and which are most difficult to cure. The only way in which they can be cured at all is by long and patient treatment. Thank God, they can be and are relieved. and I do not hesitate to say that there are hundreds of young people at this moment who owe their lives, and what is more, the enjoyment of their lives, to the treatment they have received in the wards of our hospital. We have some, indeed many, cases the result of diseases engendered by want of cleanliness and want of proper and sufficient nourishment. These are very different cases, and far more easy to treat. They yield rapidly to the good treatment and tender care and nursing they get from us. It is marvellous, after a short sojourn in the Hospital and a subsequent month at our Convalescent Home at Margate, to see the change produced in such cases. Instead of the sad, feeble, little atoms that we have received, we are able to send back to their homes bright, sturdy, healthy-looking lads and lasses, with roses in their cheeks and laughter in their eyes. (Applause.) It is, perhaps, unnecessary for me to attempt to prove to you that our Hospital does great and lasting good, because you would not be here to-night if you did not believe it. But what I do feel to-night to be my special duty is to appeal to you for help to maintain what you all allow to be a good and useful charity. What I would ask you, is not to go away from here and forget us altogether until we make again some strong appeal to you for your help and sympathy. What I wish to arouse in you is permanent interest in this Institution, sufficient interest to induce you to come down to the Hospital to see for yourselves the mass of helpless misery that we have to deal with, and how we do it, and what happy results we are able to achieve. Now, if I can only get you down to the Hospital, I shall feel that my object is gained; for no man whose heart is not a nether millstone can go through our wards without tears in his eyes and a lump in his throat. I am quite certain that if such a man is compelled by circumstances to reduce the amount of his charities, our Hospital would be the very last that he would scratch off his list."

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Cl Plea for Children's hospitals.



HEN an ox grazing in a meadow finds a nest containing eggs, or unfledged birds, it leaves the tuft of grass uncropped in which the nest has been constructed Surely man may learn a lesson from this fact in natural history. What is our Metropolis but a great grazing place, with here and there a nest amongst the houses, in which the little sick ones may nestle until they are healed of their diseases; and man, with his divine instincts should certainly do

more than an ox.

In the great struggle for existence which goes on unceasingly in London, few are able to provide for the necessities of their own sick. The houses of the poor are insufficient to set apart a proper nest for the stricken little one, and medical attendance at home is costly; therefore, it follows that nests or hospitals should be provided by voluntary contributions If the poor suffer, will not the well-to-do and the wealthy suffer likewise? Life is so interwoven now, that the highest is not raised by exclusiveness or wealth so high above the poorest as to be able to ignore all consideration for them. The poor washerwoman may be the medium of communicating dire disease to the richest of her patrons; the butcher, the greengrocer, or the milkman, may be the minister of disease, in the performance of their ordinary avocations, if those who are above the poor in the social scale ignore all considerations of their responsibility to their neighbours. Therefore in the selfish plea of individual safety, nests for sick children should not be utterly neglected. All hospital work is hallowed. Nurses and physicians-the whole staff of a hospital, in the performance of their several duties, are always well within the circle of God's economy, and it was not an idle phrase by which Our Saviour was styled "The Great Physician." A children's hospital has a thousand claims upon our charity. England cannot afford to neglect her little ones. On their health and vigour depend the greatness and prosperity of the kingdom in future years. Without vigour of body there can be no mechanical genius, no technical skill.

Mr. J. Aird, M.P., speaking recently at the festival of a large hospital for children. said that in walking through the wards he had been much moved by the sight he had witnessed. This phrase was not the expression of a transitory feeling, because, he added, that he would give One Hundred Guineas towards the funds. Such a gift must multiply itself a thousandfold in the future prosperity of the giver, and add peace and joy-which are "beyond all price"-in abundance. Where is the human being who can visit a children's hospital without emotion? The little ones lie so quietly in their pretty cots. They seem to be all eyes. There's no speech, but looks; and their glances go to the heart. Question them-they answer with their eyes. Give one a toy-thanks are tendered by the eyes. If the nurse touches one, the child repays her with a look. As one goes from cot to cot the children follow with their eyes, lighted with such love that no tongue can fully describe. Surely man, with his larger experience, his dependent life, will not only remember the ox, and spare the nests, but provide them in such number that not one of the coming race may lack a place in which to obtain rest and healing when accident or disease makes the little one dependent upon the charity and JOHN B. MARSH. love of neighbours.

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A PIGTURE STORY IN FOUR SGENES.



Chelsea Charity.



AM going to paint a picture, the subject of which is to be a little sick child or convalescent toying with her doll in a cot. Do you happen to know any hospital or similiar institution where I might be permitted to make a few studies of a ward for this purpose?"

This was an enquiry a young lady artist made of me some little time since. I thought over such of the children's hospitals of London as I am acquainted with, and suggested one.

"There is the Victoria Hospital for Children," I answered. "If you apply to the Secretary or to the Lady Superintendent, I have little doubt the permission you wish will be readily accorded."

"But where is that?" she queried.

"In the Queen's Road, Chelsea, close by the Royal Hospital."

This was my answer, but, as I gave it, the thought crossed my mind that it was strange that an educated person could reside for some six or seven years, as I know this lady has done, within thirty minutes' walk of the Victoria Hospital for Children, and yet never hear of it. I once knew an ancient resident of Chelsea —an octogenarian at death—who positively once told me that after a domicile of twenty years in the same house, he was still ignorant of the name of his next-door neighbour, who had lived there almost as long. So I suppose I had no cause for wonder that my artist friend did not know that grand institution, of which the Prince of Wales once said "it is as excellent a charity as exists in the land."

Perhaps a ramble this week about this hospital and its deserving work may not be unacceptable even to those of my readers who do know something about it.

Let me take a short retrospect, for the home of the hospital was, in its time, one of the most famous mansions of Chelsea. Though raised a storey, and structurally remodelled in a multitude of ways, we may still, in its spacious central hall, its panelled rooms, and its roomy vaults, discover some memorials of the past history of the house when the hospital was not.

Gough House, as some old Chelsea people still call it, was built by a somewhat celebrated man — John, third Earl of Carberry — who lived in the days of the Merry Monarch. The Earl came of a very loyal family, who had served the Stuarts well. His grandfather, Sir Richard Vaughan, was made a Knight of the Bath at the Coronation of Charles I., and threw in his lot with his Majesty in the unhappy rupture 'twixt king and Parliament. The third Earl, who ultimately made Chelsea his home, was made a Knight of the Bath on the coronation of Charles II. The Earl indulged in much of the licentiousness of the age, passing his nights with such court profligates as the Duke of Buckingham the "witty" Earl of Rochester, and the equally abandoned poet and courtier, Sir Charles Sedley. The Earl was eventually given the lucrative post of Governor of Jamaica—which Peun and Venables had captured a few years previously—returned home a fairly rich man,

built a mansion just to the west of the Royal Hospital at Chelsea, and there ended his days, or, to be more exact, on his road thither, for it so happened that the Earl suddenly expired from heart disease in his coach as he was returning one day (16th January, 1713) from town to his Chelsea mansion. The deceased Earl-one of the "noble authors" mentioned by Horace Walpole-was interred on 28th of January, in Westminster Abbey, the pall bearers comprising the Duke of Roxburgh, the Earl of Pembroke, the Earl of Bridgewater, the Earl of Grantham, the Earl of Godolphin, and the Marquis of Dorchester. The Earl left an only daughter as his heiress. This lady, Anne, married, a few months after her father's death, the Duke of Bolton, who deserted his bride on the steps of the church. The Earl's estate at Chelsea was purchased by a Sir Richard Gough, a wealthy India and China merchant, who died here in 1727. Hence the name of the mansion-Gough House. His son, Sir Henry Gough, married twice, his second wife (and survivor) being the daughter of Reynolds Calthorpe, of Elvetham, Hants. This lady's son, Sir Henry, took his uncle's name of Calthorpe, and was eventually raised to the peerage as Baron Calthorpe, hence the name of Calthorpe-place, off old Paradise Row.

After the Goughs, came the Pembertons—not a titled family. The old mansion whose grounds ran down the river, was now converted into a "Seminary for the education of young ladies." To have called the establishment a high school for girls would, doubtless, have offended the sensitive ears of the principal, Mrs. Pemberton. This estimable lady, who appears to have conducted her school with eminent success, died at Gough House in 1815, and her daughter for some years continued the management. Subsequently the school was broken up, and the house taken by an eminent divine, the Rev. Dr. Richard Wilson. After him the old house for awhile stood tenantless till, in 1866, it was converted into a hospital for sick children, and called after her Majesty.

"Thirty years ago," said the Prince of Wales, speaking at the festival dinner in 1882, "there was no hospital for children at all, and though there are many now, I feel sure that the Victoria Hospital, which is situate in the thickly populated district of Chelsea, is one of the most necessary and important."

The Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children was the first institution opened in this country for the exclusive study and treatment of infantile diseases. The Victoria Hospital at Chelsea ranks, I believe, as the second in foundation. The objects of this admirable institution are defined as—(1) the treatment, as in-patients, of boys between the ages of two and twelve, and of girls between two and sixteen; (2) the attainment and diffusion of knowledge with regard to the diseases of children; (3) the treatment, as outpatients of children under sixteen; and (4) the training of nurses who are supplied for private cases. The hospital has grown from very small beginnings. In the first year, for instance, the number of in-patients was thirty-nine, and the out-patients about 5,000. In the second year the in-patients rose to 134, and the out-patients to over 9,000. Now the in-patients average something like 600 a year, and the out-patients, for whose accommodation the Prince and Princess of Wales opened a new wing last June, now number something like 38,000 a year.

It was Southey, I believe, who said "Call not that man wretched who, whatever ills he suffers, has a child to love." And if the child in health thus calls forth the love of man, how much more does the little sick one, often the sufferer from someone else's cruel wrong, appeal in its very helplessness to our compassion and our sympathy?

A ramble over the Victoria Hospital will soon show even the most superficial observer what Christian benevolence and skilled hands are doing. Ascending the

steps in front, the visitor is soon in the large central hall to which I have already alluded, on either side of which, and on the floor above, are the wards devoted to the little in-patients. There are, in all, five wards, containing about sixty beds. They are kept beautifully clean, and the well-beeswaxed floor makes it difficult for that hospital fiend, dirt, to find a habitat. The rows of little cots, each one tenanted by a youthful patient-sometimes by mere babies-present a scene on which the mind may well dwell. A children's ward would be a pretty sight were it not marred by the sad facts which the kind Lady Superintendent tells us. A noticeable feature about this institution are its "special" cots, which now number upwards of forty. In some cases kind friends have endowed them (by contributing a sum of f_{300}), and have named them in memory of some lost loved one, while others are supported by subscribers of twenty guineas per annum. Here is one supported by Sir Arthur Sullivan, another by W. S. Gilbert, a third (the Kensington Cot) by the children of Kensington, a fourth (the Chelsea Cot) by Lord Cadogan, a fifth by Lady Freake, a sixth by the Hon. Mrs. Alfred Thesiger. Some are supported by annual church collections, such as the St. Peter's Cot (Cranley Gardens), the Alexander Cot, by the children of Berkeley Chapel, Mayfair, the St. Luke's Cot (Chelsea), the Brompton Cot, the Teddington Cot, the St. Paul's Cot (Knightsbridge), and so on.

It is one of the duties of royalty to lend its patronage to philanthropic institutions. While in some cases such patronage is merely nominal, in the case of this hospital, at least, the members of the Royal Family evince a very practical interest. Her Royal Highness, the Princess Louise, who is the patroness of the hospital, makes repeated presents (her pretty bed-screens in the "Louise" Ward were a notable gift), while her informal visits, often of an evening, indicate the solicitude with which she discharges her trust.

A notice of the Victoria Hospital for Children would hardly be complete without a reference to the Convalescent Home at Churchfields, overlooking the breezy cliffs of Margate. Hither little convalescing sufferers come to complete that restoration to health and strength which nature alone can give. Speaking of the children who are admitted to the Margate Home, the Medical Officer remarks: "The class of cases admitted has not been uniformly recruited from the ranks of convalescents. Many a chronic case that would have hopelessly lingered in the wards of a London hospital has, by a residence here of a few weeks, entered upon a new and brighter chapter of its hitherto blighted child life and returned to London well advanced on the road to recovery."

Though the great majority (over 4,000 per annum) of the youthful out-patients are naturally the children of the poor of Chelsea and Battersea, the benefits of this institution are open to all. Poverty is an attribute common to nearly all London's charities, and it is one which unfortunately belongs to the hospital I have been describing. What this institution requires most is to increase the number of its annual subscribers. Even Mr. Corbould's "graphic" appeal has not brought in the shillings so numerously as it ought to have done. The day, it seems, has yet to come when every Englishman will see the duty which devolves upon him, as a good citizen, to take his part—however small that part may be—in supporting such splendid charities as the Victoria Hospital for Children. "RAMBLER."





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