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AFTER-CARE OF CHILDREN LEAVING HOSPITAL.

We have received an appeal signed by Miss Julia Chapin and Miss Paulina Pepys-Cockerell on behalf of a scheme for the after-care of in-patients leaving the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormonde-street. It is desired to provide a worker in the hospital, to report every child leaving the wards, either to a district nurse or to the Invalid Children's Aid Association or to whichever agency in the child's district can best give the after-care required. She will report the nature of the child's illness and the special care and supervision necessary. She will receive reports of the child's progress, and see to any needs should that progress be unsatisfactory, and she will herself supervise any cases whose needs the other agency cannot supply.

For three years Miss Chapin and Miss Pepys-Cockerell have themselves reported children in this way, but find it impossible to continue the work, the lack of which is keenly felt, and the Hospital Committee of Management has passed a resolution adopting the scheme officially, provided the necessary funds can be raised. The sum of £5,000 is needed, of which £1,570 has been collected. The work demands a worker fully trained in social and economic questions, and the income from such a trust fund will pay her salary and the concomitant expenses. Mr. J. F. W. Deacon, Treasurer of the Hospital for Sick Children, and Miss Paulina Pepys-Cockerell will act as joint hon. treasurers. Donations may be sent to Williams Deacon's Bank, Westminster Branch, 21, Victoria-street, S.W., payable to "The Hospital for Sick Children, After-Care Fund," or to Miss Julia Chapin, 34, Kensington-square, W., or Miss Pepys-Cockerell, 30, Kensington-square, W.

Among the donations already received are: - (Long list follows).

Professor Sir William Osler writes in support of the work: - "We all know how important this after-care is, but a link is needed between the convalescent child and existing organizations - someone who will watch and guard him in the critical days that follow an illness. The convalescent homes do much, but thousands of cases cannot receive their care. To follow these to their homes, to see that they are brought in touch with the proper physicians, and to keep these patients under skilled supervision is a side of hospital work the value of which is now keenly appreciated, and it is a form of social service that must appeal to every heart, and I trust to many pockets."