

We read that: "One probationer's eyes followed a Nurse so costumed with a fascinated gaze, a pleasant sort of fascination, too, for when one analyzes the feeling behind it, one can readily understand how a Probationer, new to professional life, would see so much more of the purely human element in 'Jack' than in the Head Nurse. Her contact with her commanding officer in the ward is merely professional. It is the Head Nurse she knows; not the woman. With longer experience, she is able to appreciate the union of both in an *ensemble* strong, capable, and attractive."

At the ball the "good things" of the celebration were not wanting, as, "On all occasions, in season and out of season, things edible are welcomed by hospital workers, especially by her of a few weeks' standing. Refreshment at the mask ball was proffered by a senior in bizarre costume, who inquired if we had had 'regular nourishment.' To probationary ignorance, this phrasing suggests that even in nectar and ambrosia might be lurking some attempted imposition of a medical regimen. But no such suspicion can prevent the ever-hungry Probationer from partaking of ice-cream and cake." The American Probationer, like her English sister, is somewhat school-girl-like in her fondness for cake and candies. We all know how, during our first year in Hospital, we revel in "hampers from home." After that time we begin to "put away childish things" and to feel the foreshadowing of the dignity of being Staff-Nurse.

Notwithstanding the natural desire of the Nurses to be young and have good times, we read that: "Of the students who receive their diplomas in June, the three taking highest rank in their class are Americans. It has frequently happened in former years that the Canadian Nurses won the honors in the final examinations. Hence, when this year's result was posted in the Nurses' Home, there was considerable rejoicing on the part of the Americans. Even the very newest American Probationer was not too lowly to share in the feeling. We respect our Northern neighbours; we are charmed with some of their representatives among us; we have eaten their salt in honour of the Queen; but we are still patriots." And we have no doubt the Americans will, in their turn, give a very pleasant 4th of July party to their Canadian sisters, who will doubtless drink the health of the President and the Republic with enthusiasm, but will still be "patriots" and lovers of old England.

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR



THE DUCHESS OF TECK, on the 16th inst., performed the ceremony of opening the new Workhouse Infirmary at Brentford. The Nursing is to be done by the Mary Adelaide Workhouse Nurses, of whom the Duchess is President. By her request the Matron and staff were presented to her.

At St. Paul's Cathedral on Wednesday evening a very picturesque Medical Service in State was held. A large number of the medical men resident in London—for whom the Service was inaugurated after the pattern of the legal one when her Majesty's judges attend in State, wearing their academical robes. The late Primate was to have preached. The Bishop of Stepney took his place.

At a meeting of the Hampstead Board of Guardians, Mr. Thomas Bremner moved a resolution condemning the Metropolitan Asylums Board for spending money on a theatre in the Brook Hospital intended for the medical students' lectures. He said the medical students were well able to pay themselves for their education. Surely Mr. Bremner is aware that they do pay for their education, but they are not supposed to pay for the building in which they receive their lectures; any more than they are expected to pay for the erection of the Hospitals in which they receive their clinical instruction.

The National Health Society has organised a course of Lectures on Hygiene to the Clergy. This should prove a most useful new departure of work.

A sale of work in aid of St. Thomas's Home Hospital for Children, at Brondesbury, will be held at the rooms of the National Health Society, in Berners Street, on Friday and Saturday, November, 27th and 28th. Contributions should be sent to Miss Forster, at the Home, by Wednesday, November 25th.

A new Society, by name the Hospital Reform Association, has been formed for the purpose of suppressing Hospital abuse. Dr. Garrett Horder, Mr. J. Holmes, Mr. Rivington, Mr. G. R. Altrinson, Dr. Morgan Dockrell, Dr. Hugh Woods, and Dr. Knowsley Sibley are in sympathy with the movement.

The following ladies and gentlemen have been appointed as the Committee of the Irish Workhouse Association, to promote the improvement of the Workhouse system in Ireland, especially as regards the sick, the aged, the children, and the other helpless classes: The Earl of Meath, Viscount Powerscourt, K.P., Viscount Monk, Lord Clonbrook, Lord Emly, Lord Mounteagle, K.P., the Countess of Arran, the Countess of Fingall, the Countess of Mayo, Viscountess Castlerood, the Honourable Mrs. Chamberlaine, the Honourable Dudley Fortescue, Sir Henry Gratton Bellew, Bart., Count Moore, Sir Thornley Stoker,

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