

the list of names to me, saying that they should be suppressed. I know that there is at least one vivisector on their medical staff. Perhaps that gentleman could explain the reason of the consternation of the nurses and the suppression of their names on hearing that the name of the hospital had been given. This seems to savour very strongly of tyranny. That some of the most useful and hard-working portion of the community dare not exercise their rights, as free agents, is, to say the least, startling.

Yours truly, KATE FLORENZE.

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December 28th."

WE commend the action of the Kettering Board of Guardians in granting a sum of ten guineas towards the funds of the Kettering Nursing Association—an association which is doing excellent work, the Nurses visiting, irrespective of condition, thousands of cases in the town, including many who might otherwise be under the care of the Guardians.

THE Public Health Committee (says the *Oban Times*) after hearing a statement from the County Medical Officer of Health, have resolved, subject to the approval of the Secretary for Scotland, should that approval be received, to authorise the County Medical Officer of Health to offer retaining fees of £20 each to four fever Nurses, to be located at such points in the county as may be found desirable, and whose services will be available to the District Committees at a fee of 3s. per day, with the minimum charge of 10s. for any period of less than three days—the employment of the Nurses to be under the control of the County Medical Officer of Health.

MUCH sympathy has been expressed with the Rev. W. T. and Mrs. Bulpit, whose daughter, Nurse Beatrice Bulpit, recently died at the General Hospital, Birmingham, of enteric fever, which she contracted while discharging her duties. A deputation from the Hospital attended the funeral, which took place at Southport, where Miss Bulpit was well known and respected. The Committee of the General Hospital, Birmingham, have passed the following resolution:—"That the Committee desires to express its sympathy with the Rev. W. T. and Mrs. Bulpit in the loss they have sustained by the death of their daughter, who died in the service of this Hospital."

THE Metropolitan Trained Nurses' Club in New York, which is a co-operation of Private Nurses, which began with three members three years ago, now numbers 104, and is rapidly increasing. The Nurses manage their own business matters without a lay or medical committee, and by their devotion to duty, are in great request.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



BESIDES a statue to the Queen, Dundee is now aiming at founding a Home for Incurables at a probable cost of £50,000 as a memorial of Her Majesty's long reign.

At last a member of the medical profession has been considered worthy of the honour of a Peerage—a distinction which for many years

has been accorded to the members of other learned professions—and in the New Year's Honours the Queen has raised Sir Joseph Lister, the great pioneer of the antiseptic system of surgery, to the Peerage. This recognition of the world-wide reputation of Sir Joseph Lister has given great satisfaction to his professional colleagues.

The Queen has conferred a baronetcy on Dr. Douglas Powell, one of the Physicians Extraordinary to Her Majesty. Both these gentlemen are members of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

Another magnificent windfall for Science! Following on the opening by the Prince of Wales of Dr. Ludwig Mond's munificent gift, the Davy-Faraday Research Laboratory, comes from Stockholm the full particulars of the testamentary disposition of the late Mr. Alfred Nobel. According to the terms of his will, a fund is to be formed from all his realisable property, the yearly interest from which is to be divided into five equal portions. The first of these is to be allotted as a prize for the most important discovery in the domain of physics. The second is for the principal chemical discovery or improvement. The third is for the chief discovery in physiology or medicine. The fourth is for the most distinguished literary contribution in the same field, while the fifth is to be allotted to whomsoever may have achieved the most or done the best to promote the cause of peace. All these prizes are open to Scandinavians and foreigners alike. After a few bequests to individuals have been deducted, it is expected that the fund thus devised will amount to the sum of 35,000,000 kroner, or nearly two millions sterling.

The widow of Baron Maurice Hirsch, of Vienna, has resolved to present 2,000,000f. to the Pasteur Institute as a memorial of her husband. This will enable the building to be enlarged by chemical and biological laboratories, which it is estimated will cost 800,000f.

The Council of the British Institute of Public Health have awarded the Harben medal for 1897 to Professor M. von Pettenkofer, Emeritus Professor of Hygiene in the University of Munich, in recognition of his distinguished services.

It is understood that Sir Henry Irving, Miss Ellen Terry, Miss Genevieve Ward, Miss Fanny Brough, Miss Winifred Emery, Mr. George Alexander, and many other members of the theatrical profession in

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