

a movement should be organised to send nurses to Turkey, and states that he is ready to co-operate with anyone willing to assist in forming a committee for this purpose. We wish this gentleman all success in his efforts to provide skilled nursing for the wounded Turks.

At a meeting of the Suffolk Poor Law Officers' Association, recently held at Ipswich, a paper on "Workhouse Nursing" was read by Mr. Grayson, Master of the Ipswich Workhouse. This gentleman's opinions on the subject are somewhat remarkable. He stated that "with regard to lady nurses, he thought it a disgrace to society, that ladies should step in and take all the best appointments away from their poorer sisters, or turn such a noble calling into a kind of matrimonial agency." Mr. Cheeseman (Barham) also remarked that "much mischief was caused by lady meddlers coming in and making the nurses themselves and everyone else dissatisfied." He did not exempt from this criticism the lady Guardian who tried often to make discord between the superior officer and the subordinate. "It was not to be expected that properly-qualified hospital nurses would stay long in a country workhouse where there were no eligible young men, or any men at all except the master, who, like himself, would be a married man." Mr. Jarrould (Tattingstone) confessed that he was very much prejudiced against trained nurses. His experience of one was that she refused to do anything except attend to the sick.

After reading the views of these gentlemen the Report of the Workhouse Infirmary Nursing Association comes with special force—"There are, we know, many women—wisely enthusiastic, well-disciplined and highly-trained—who are anxious to use their knowledge for the benefit of the sick poor in workhouse wards, but it is necessary that their position should be more clearly defined." Imagine the position of nurses in the Workhouses governed by these gentlemen!

We are glad to observe that a nurse from the Ipswich Workhouse, who was present at the meeting, stated that a thoroughly-trained hospital nurse was accustomed to turn her hand to any work in the ward, and that she herself had occasionally used the scrubbing brush and the blacklead brush.

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Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE DUKE OF CAMBRIDGE recently presided at the fifty-second anniversary dinner of the German Hospital, Dalston, at the Hotel Metropole. There were present amongst others Prince Hans Zu Hohenlohe-Ochringen, Count Mensdorff Pouilly, Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Baron Whetttnall, Mr. W. Jordón (Consul-General for Germany), Count Gistich, and Count Linden. Subscriptions amounting to over £3,300 were announced, including £200 from the German Emperor, £50 from the Emperor of Austria, and £20 from the chairman.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Queen's Commemoration Fund was recently held at Grosvenor House, under the presidency of the Duke of Westminster. It was announced that the fund at present amounted to £50,465 16s. 10d. It was agreed to make renewed efforts both in London and the country to augment this amount, in view of the urgent necessity for more than doubling this sum.

At the annual meeting of the Paisley Royal Victoria Eye Infirmary, the Chairman referred to Provost Mackenzie's offer to provide a new Eye Infirmary for the town as a commemoration of Her Majesty's record reign, and read a letter from the Provost, formally laying the offer before the directorate. When he first heard of this most unexpected gift on the part of the chief magistrate, he scarcely knew how to express his thoughts. The directors had long wished to have a suitable institution, and he was greatly pleased that one of Paisley's sons had stepped into the breach and supplied the much-needed want.

A ward, of which the walls are composed entirely of glass, is in process of construction at the London Temperance Hospital. The glass is white, resembling porcelain, and is fixed in the shape of tiles on a background of cement, and "pointed," as are ordinary bricks. The ward is under the care of Dr. Job Collins. This is the first hospital we believe to adopt glass walls for its wards, although King's College Hospital already possesses a glass theatre. The "wily microbe" has a hard time of it, nowadays.

On Thursday evening, the 29th. ult. the in-patients of the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Regent's Park, greatly enjoyed an entertainment given by Miss Miriam Ridley, the matron of the Institution, and her friends. Miss Ethel Neild's violin solos, and songs by Miss F. Orgill, Miss M. D. Neild, Miss M. Howison and Messrs. J. Archer and J. W. Glenton Myler were much appreciated; while humorous banjo-songs by Mr. W. H. Propert, and recitations by Mr. Walter Howgrave agreeably diversified the programme. Messrs. S. and P. Erard were good enough to lend one of their pianos for the occasion, at which Mrs. McFarlane presided; while Miss Fordham and Mr. J. Woods, neighbours of the Hospital, kindly lent glass, china, flowers and plants.

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