

feeling of general discontent with her position. The minutes of the Committee were adopted, without comment.

This is strong evidence of the justice of our remarks—"Such statements, if made, should be quite definite, and capable of the fullest proof," and of the opinion which we expressed that the nurse should be required to explain her letter.

A LARGE and influential meeting was recently held in Dublin to further the interests of the Diamond Jubilee Memorial Fund for permanently extending the work of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute in Ireland, when it was announced that the amount received was in excess of £18,000.

MR. BASIL CAVE, C.B., H.M. Consul at Zanzibar, in speaking at a recent meeting of the Universities' Mission to Central Africa, at the Church House, said, in reference to the hospital which is supported by the Mission, that he held the hospital to be one of the most valuable and important branches of the Mission's work in Zanzibar. In the last few months of last year the wards were filled to overflowing with men, women, and children, who were suffering from wounds and injuries received during the bombardment of the palace, and who were restored, in almost every instance, to health and vigour by the unwearied kindness and care of the English ladies who are working there as nurses. He added, "Those nurses, by the way, were perhaps not my least source of anxiety at that time. I felt it my duty to bring them into the Agency while the bombardment was in progress, but hardly had the last shot been fired when two of them, unknown to me, made their escape, and from the others, whom I just happened to be in time to catch red handed going down stairs, and to name the advisability at least of waiting an hour or so till the streets were patrolled and free from danger, I received such a talking to that I assure you I have hardly recovered from the effects of it yet.

I maintain that it is not only by the alleviation of suffering alone, good as it is, that the Mission Hospital in Zanzibar is fulfilling its purpose, but that through it the hearts of the people are being drawn in gradually to those who so self-sacrificingly and so ungrudgingly give up their lives for their good, and who, they cannot doubt, have no motive or incentive, except that of the religion that they follow, and that so a way is gradually being prepared for the improvement, both religious and social, of the inhabitants of East Africa."

The Hospital World.

THE Royal Free Hospital was *en fête* on Tuesday afternoon, when Mrs. Creighton presented the prizes and certificates to the successful candidates of the London School of Medicine for Women.

After being introduced by Mrs. Garrett, Anderson, Mrs. Creighton proceeded to distribute the prizes and certificates, and then addressed the students.

She said that she had been asked to speak directly to students that afternoon, and that her audience would, therefore, excuse her if she ignored everyone else. In the first place she must say she envied them, and congratulated them on the opportunity they enjoyed of preparing themselves for the full and useful life before them. A life very different from that of their contemporaries, inasmuch as they enjoyed far more liberty, and fuller knowledge, than the majority of these. She reminded them that their time spent in the hospital was a test of character, especially a test as to the use they made of these two things—liberty and knowledge. These they received in order to fit themselves for a life of service, but both gifts had their attendant dangers. They need have no fear, however, if only they cultivated, with their knowledge, a spirit of reverence for this, and for the human body, for the latter because it is the home of the Spirit. There is a danger lest smaller students should think only of the matters of detail which lie just under their hands, and forget the mysteries which lie behind. They must remember also that in natural science progress is everything. Knowledge is infinite and impenetrable, they could never know everything, but must always hope to know more. Let them, then, face the mystery of the union of body and spirit, and remember that the true physician is always to some extent a priest also. They would, in ministering to the body, be able also to minister to the soul, if they only brought with them to their work the spirit of reverence towards the great Unknowable.

It was curious to notice that in all other branches of work which formerly were performed entirely by men, but which had now opened up to women, that the women have not only done just the same work as men, but that they have always found something which, but for them, would be left undone. She could not but believe that, as doctors, women would show some new way of usefulness in which they, by virtue of their sex, could help their patients. This might already be dimly seen in one or two ways. Many women would come more readily to them than to men, more particularly the specially suffering, and the specially sinful.

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