

Of course, the Guardians passed a resolution preening themselves upon their perfections, but no doubt the publicity given to the matter by Mr. Jervis will have beneficial results.

MR. W. C. LUPTON, chairman of the House Committee of the Bradford Infirmary, has commemorated the Queen's Jubilee in a most delightful manner by inviting the nursing staff to picnics. These gatherings were immensely enjoyed by the nurses, to whom a day in the country is always most refreshing. Such kindness creates confidence in, and loyalty to, the powers that be.

"VOX CLAMANTES" writing to the *Globe*, says:—

"The telegram in your edition to-night, referring to the wreck of the *Aden* at Socotra, says: "Every attention is being given to passengers' wants at Aden." These unfortunate passengers were wrecked on June 9. Nineteen days later they were landed at Aden, and now every attention is being given to their wants at Aden. I wish to call attention to the fact that there are no nurses at Aden. If any of these passengers are taken into the hospital they will receive the kindest attention from the surgeon-major in charge of the General European Hospital there, but he cannot do everything; and, as the surgeon-major says himself, "in some cases nursing is everything." Questions have been asked in Parliament, requests addressed to the Indian Government, and assistance promised by the Admiralty, and still Aden is without any nurses. Aden was the first accession to the Queen's dominions after she came to the Throne. Now, some fifty years since it was added to the British possessions, it is one of the few unfortunate places which is neglected, and which is urgently trying to get nurses, not as a memorial of the Jubilee, but as a help to those who are taken into the General European Hospital. The only sad occurrence at this commemoration has been the loss of the *Aden*, near Aden. May I ask you to call attention in your columns to the needs of those who live on "the barren rocks of Aden"?"

Here is an opportunity for some energetic nurse.

WE do not know who the nursing correspondent of the *Daily Graphic* may be, but we cannot always congratulate her on good taste. According to Mr. H. K. Smyth, District Surgeon of Gwelo, her information is not always accurate. Writing to the Editor of the *Daily Graphic*, he says:

"Permit me to correct some inaccurate statements under the above heading in your issue of April 21st. Instead of opening early in June, the new hospital has been in full working order since September last, and over 200 patients were admitted to date. With all due deference to the nurses whose advent is expected, it is a matter of common regret here that the Dominican sisters are not going to take charge, as their skill and devotion to the sick are well known. While prepared to welcome the ladies from England, our loyalty to those who have done so splendidly is natural."

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE treasurer of Guy's Hospital has received a Jubilee gift of £3,000 towards the re-endowment fund from a lady who desires to remain anonymous. The interest on this sum will be applied towards the maintenance of beds in Queen Victoria Ward, recently re-opened by the Prince of Wales.

Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild presided recently at the 46th anniversary festival dinner of the City Orthopædic Hospital. In proposing the toast of the evening, "The City Orthopædic Hospital," the chairman appealed for additional funds for the institution, as it was necessary to renew a mortgage of £6,000, the committee having acquired the freehold of the hospital, and also it was imperative that more wards should be opened, as at the present time some 200 applicants were awaiting admission. During the evening subscriptions and donations were announced to the extent of £1,400.

The number of in-patients admitted into the wards of the London Hospital last year was 10,733, which, with the 604 remaining in the hospital on January 1st, makes a total of 11,337. The average number in the wards every day is 660. The Hebrew patients under treatment in the special wards allotted to their use numbered 798, while the total of out-patients was 158,002.

The opening of the new General Hospital in Birmingham by Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, on behalf of the Queen, on Wednesday last, will begin a new era in the annals of hospitals. The new institution is a magnificent one, and in every way worthy of the rich and generous city of Birmingham. For many years it has been felt that the old General Hospital both from its situation and from the impossibility of its conforming to modern requirements was inadequate and unworthy of the capital of the Midlands; it is therefore with great satisfaction that we chronicle the completion of a new building on modern lines, and congratulate the city on possessing an institution which is so great a credit to it. The visit of the Princess Christian to the city on this occasion was entirely a state one, and nowhere has Her Majesty the Queen, either personally or in her representative, received a warmer welcome than from the loyal and warm-hearted citizens of Birmingham.

On assembling in the Council Chamber an address of welcome from the Corporation was presented by the Lord Mayor.

Princess Christian submitted the following written reply: It gives me very great pleasure to visit the City of Birmingham on behalf of the Queen, my dear mother, and in her name I thank you for your loyal and dutiful address. Her Majesty desires me to express the great gratification with which she hears of her people at Birmingham having made this latest addition to the hospitals which from time to time have been erected in your city, and whilst she rejoices to view the vast increase that has been made in the number of such noble institutions since the com-

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