

had a most warm friend in him, and it is happiness to know that in his last days the Bishop—who may almost be called the nurses' Bishop, so warmly did he appreciate them—was ministered to in his last illness by some of their number who returned his appreciation tenfold, and esteemed their work of nursing him a privilege indeed.

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 WE can only advise every one to purchase this book, of which the price is 4s. It would form a most welcome Christmas gift.

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 DR. S. P. KRAMER, now stationed at Camp Wikoff, gives his experience of nurses in the *Cincinnati Lancet-Clinic* as follows: "My experience here has convinced me of some things in regard to nurses. The general hospital here is divided into about two equal divisions, the main hospital and the annex. The former has trained nurses—lay women—under a female superintendent; the latter has Sisters of Charity under a Sister Superior. Whatever may be the case in civil institutions, in the field hospital the Sister of Charity is far superior. There is with them none of the bickering with the ward doctor, no fussiness, no refusing to perform menial work when necessary, no desire to 'shine' as is the case with the 'trained nurse.' The Sister of Charity has no ambition but duty; she obeys all orders quietly, with a prompt, orderly, and willing manner. No sacrifice is too great, no service too menial. It has been a matter of general comment here that the annex is a far superior hospital to the main branch, and to my mind this is largely due to the presence of the Sisters of Charity in the former."

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 DOES this criticism mean that the nurses of the present day are falling away from the high ideal which they originally maintained? We may place side by side with this paragraph some remarks which were made only this week by one well qualified to judge, and who certainly appreciates the work of religious sisterhoods. "People speak of the devotion of Sisters, but I always say that my experience has been that that of nurses equals and exceeds it. I have never seen anything like the splendid devotion of Nurse—. The way in which she performed her daily work filled me with admiration, and if I were ill I would rather have her to nurse me than anyone I know." These remarks, however, applied to a nurse who was trained in the eighties. Could such testimony be often given of nurses trained now-a-days? We hope so. But certainly there is a widespread belief that "nurses are not what they were," and that their own well-being too often comes first, and that of their patients is a detail revolving round the circle, of which the nurse is the centre.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



We regret to announce the death of Sir William Jenner, the distinguished physician, who has just passed away at the advanced age of eighty-three. For many years he had by reason of his eminence in medical science occupied a foremost place in his profession, but failing health compelled him to pass the last years of his life in retirement, and so he had to a great extent passed from beyond the public view. For many years he had the honor of serving as one of the Queen's physicians, being among the medical men who attended the Prince Consort in his last illness; and her Majesty's appreciation of his services is thus touchingly set forth in the "Court Circular":—

"The Queen received yesterday with much regret the news of the death of Sir William Jenner, who had been her Majesty's physician for upwards of thirty years, and who only retired from the Queen's service in 1893 owing to failing health.

"He was not only a most able physician, but a true and devoted friend of her Majesty's, who deeply mourns his loss."

Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, attended a meeting at Grosvenor House on Monday, presided over by the Duke of Westminster, in support of the fund for providing new wards in connection with the Victoria Hospital for Children at Chelsea. This Hospital has long been suffering from overcrowding, while there are many structural defects in its buildings, which were never intended for their present purpose. The Committee have now put forward a scheme for the provision of a new building which will supply the whole accommodation for in-patients, while the present house will be adapted for the use of the staff and for other purposes, but not for the wards. The sum required to carry out this scheme is £25,000.

The Princess Louise visited the West London Hospital last week, for the purpose of formally opening two wards in the new wing of the building. The Duke of Devonshire, President of the Hospital, thanked her Royal Highness for the honour and assistance of her presence. His Grace also spoke of the difficulty of adequately maintaining the hospitals, and said that he hoped we were on the eve of changes which would make some alteration in this respect. The Princess in declaring the upper ward open, named it the Mary Adelaide Ward, in memory of the late Duchess of Teck, and at the request of Lord Glenesk, directed that the lower ward should be known as the Devonshire ward.

The date of the visit of the Duchess of Albany to open the new Nurses' Home in connection with the Chelsea Hospital for Women has been fixed for January 20th next.

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