

that you will have three times the force for the main object of your life if you turn your thoughts and interests in other directions occasionally. People who are dominated by one thought night and day, without change or variation, usually become nervous wrecks or lunatics before they reach middle age. These are words of wisdom. There is no doubt that concentration is the basis of all real and lasting success, though apparent success may be achieved by other and quicker methods, making all other interests and duties subservient to self advancement being one of the most usual.

We are fully in sympathy with the views of our correspondent, who sends us the following paragraph from a New Zealand paper:—

"I hear that a most enthusiastic committee meeting in connection with the coming bazaar was held on Tuesday afternoon. The stalls are to be built like Maori whares, but the attendants, wisely, are not going to follow out that idea in all its details and pose as Maori maidens. They have hit upon a dress that is not only appropriate to the object of the entertainment, and that is to-day connected with much that is noble, brave, and self-sacrificing, but is also perhaps the sweetest and daintiest of all costumes—the garb of a hospital nurse. Our pretty girls will look irresistible in smart cap and apron and demure gown, and there is no saying what the effect will be on the men. Each stall is to choose a different colour for the gown—scarlet, grey, blue, and so on. The effect ought to be striking."

"This is the sort of thing," she writes, "that makes me feel ill! Some of our local society (colonial) ladies are getting up a bazaar for an incurable hospital, its chief aim and object being to attract the attention of our coming royalties. All sizes and shapes, all shades of manners and morals, to be covered by a nurse's dress! One stall has, I hear, chosen the Netley-dress. Loud, flirting girls, and old women, to ply their arts and fascinations under nurses' garb! The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall are to visit Wellington from June 16th to 21st, and this bazaar is arranged for that time. If you only knew the women! and their origin, and their daughters and sisters, and cousins and aunts!"

This species is indigenous to the soil. The nurse fraud is now known from Dan to Beersheba. But why should not the Royal Duke protest against the uniform of His Majesty's Army Nursing Sisters being thus exploited? We presume men will not be permitted to masquerade before royalty in military uniform. It is quite within the power of the War Office to forbid the adoption by civilians of Army Sisters' distinctive dress. We hope, when we have a Nursing Department at the War Office, that the Sisters will be protected from this indignity.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Merchant Taylors' Company has voted 100gs. in aid of the rebuilding fund of the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Bridge Road, in memory of Queen Victoria, and the Clothworkers' Company £100 for its maintenance.

Dr. Henry Nachtel, the founder of the Paris ambulance system is now in London, and is to see Lord Carrington and Lord Tweedmouth on the subject of the organization of a complete horse-ambulance service for London, and it is hoped that practical results may shortly follow his visit. Both Lord Carrington and Lord Tweedmouth have seen the working of the Paris ambulance service, and were favourably impressed.

Sir Edwin H. Galsworthy, Chairman of the Metropolitan Asylums Board for so many years, has announced his resignation with deep regret.

The committee appointed by the general meeting of the governors of the National Hospital for the Paralyzed and Epileptic, held on March 23rd, to institute a full and independent inquiry into the questions in dispute between the medical staff and the board of management, the position, functions, and acts of the secretary-director, and the rules and management of the hospital generally, have now completed their arrangements. The committee of inquiry, which sat for the first time yesterday, consists of Sir Edward Fry (chairman), Lord Wolverton, Sir William Karslake, Mr. Timothy Holmes, and Mr. Cecil Henry Russell. Mr. J. Danvers Power will act as honorary secretary to the committee.

The scheme of the authorities of St. Bartholomew's Hospital for the compulsory purchase of a portion of the site of Christ's Hospital, in order to effect the extension of St. Bartholomew's, has now been brought before a Select Committee of the House of Lords, presided over by the Earl of Jersey. The other members of the committee were the Earl of Denbigh, Lord Halifax, Lord Farrer, and Lord Aberdare. The scheme is to take a part of the present site of Christ's Hospital lying between King Edward Street and Giltspur Street. We have already reported that, as Prince of Wales, the King declared himself favourable to arbitration. The promoters suggested Lord Lindley or Lord Shand as arbitrator. The petitioners declared the whole site of Christ's Hospital to be worth £720,000, and offered to pay for the portion they required at a *pro rata* price. This the promoters declined. Eventually the Committee found that the preamble of the Bill was proved. It will now have to be passed by the House of Commons.

We hope St. Bartholomew's Hospital will succeed in obtaining the land it requires, for should the whole of the present site of Christ's Hospital be built over, there is little doubt that the days of the first Royal Hospital will be numbered, as it will be largely deprived of both the light and air which are so essential to the well being of the sick.

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