

The feeling after a more corporate life is undoubtedly on the increase amongst nurses, and the latest evidence of it is the inauguration of an attractive Guild and Club, more especially intended for nurses, at 20 Charing Cross Mansions, Glasgow. The advantages of a comfortable club have long been understood by men. We women are just beginning to appreciate them, and a club is specially useful to nurses who need rest and recreation away from their work when off duty in refined and comfortable surroundings.

A popular feature will, needless to say, be the tea-room where dainty meals are to be had at a moderate tariff, and the cosy chintz covered chairs in the drawing room are most seductive to tired workers. The club subscription is only 2s. 6d. a year, in addition to the entrance fee, and there are few nurses who cannot afford this modest sum. The officers of the club are Mrs. M'Call Anderson, convener, Mrs. Ramsay, vice-convener, Mrs. Ritchie, secretary, and Miss M'Call Anderson, treasurer. They are assisted in the management by ten members. A certain number of prettily appointed bedrooms are available for the use of private nurses.

An interesting lecture on "Microbes, Medical and Surgical," illustrated by lantern slides, was given last week to the members of the Dublin Nurses' Club, by Professor M'weeney. A large number of members were present, and thoroughly appreciated the able address.

We regret to learn that Miss Child has resigned the position of Matron to the Bulawayo Hospital, after only eight months' service. When one reads the correspondence which has taken place between the Committee and Miss Child, one cannot be surprised that she found it quite impossible to manage her department satisfactorily.

The first rule of the Matron's charge opens thus. "The Matron is under the entire control of the House Surgeon." Why read further? It would be waste of time. Friction was inevitable and occurred of course, and as the Committee saw good to add another asinine rule for the compulsory disorganisation of the nursing department, directing the Matron to inform the House Surgeon of "any cases where she wishes to grant extra temporary leave to a Sister or Staff Nurse," Miss Child thought it wise to pack up and skip, so, to the regret of many kind friends, she has resigned and will soon arrive in England. It is to be hoped, for the sake of discipline at the Bulawayo Hospital, that she will be succeeded by a strong woman, who will convince the Committee of the error of its ways.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Princess of Wales, her children, and the children of Kew have sent a present of toys to the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell.

The secretary of the Royal Hospital, Richmond, Surrey, has received from Sandringham a case of toys marked: "Sent to the children of the Richmond Hospital by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales and her children."

The children's ward at Richmond Hospital was opened by the Princess of Wales on July 8th, 1896, and was named "The Princess May's Ward for Children."

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has received an anonymous donation of £1,000 to its funds.

The governing body of the Metropolitan Hospital Saturday Fund, of which Sir Savile Crossley, M.P., is chairman, have decided to close the accounts for 1901, on January 6th next. All collectors are earnestly requested to forward their remittances prior to this date. The amount collected in the workshops up to yesterday was £740 ahead of the corresponding period of last year. It is hoped that the ultimate total will not fall short of £25,000. Application for additional collection sheets or boxes should be made to the secretary at the office, 54, Gray's Inn Road, London.

Dr. Garnault, in a letter to the *Temps*, states that he has received information from a high scientific authority in Germany to the effect that the report of the investigation into the case of two butchers at a public slaughter house, attacked by tuberculosis, declared that probably they had become inoculated accidentally, as they had to handle every day carcasses of animals showing most pronounced signs of the disease. Dr. Garnault adds that the scientist in question agrees with the majority of German savants in refusing to accept the theory which Professor Koch made known in London.

A well known medical woman has stated that it would be contrary to medical etiquette for her to express an opinion on Miss Murdoch Clarke's case in the press. Why? The Council of the Manchester Medical Guild presumably composed of men appears to have no such scruples. It recently passed the following resolution: "That the Council of the Medical Guild, Manchester, approves of the attitude of the honorary medical staff of the Macclesfield Infirmary in the present dispute with the governing committee in contesting the right of lay boards to appoint house surgeons in opposition to the wishes of the honorary staff, and hopes that they will receive the unanimous support of the honorary consulting surgeons and of the whole profession."

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