

tenets and practice of the Divine Head of the Christian Church to which Mr. Gibson belongs if he were to endeavour to secure something approaching to adequate care of the sick in the Chelmsford Infirmary, instead of making offensive remarks respecting the Inspector of the Local Government Board when he discharges his duty.

Mr. Lunney proposed the appointment of a second night nurse, but it is to be regretted that the proposal was not seconded.

One of the many schemes instituted by Miss Katherine Lumsden, the retiring Hon. Superintendent of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Aberdeen, is the house-to-house collection in the town and county, which was started in 1899, and is now recognised as an important source of revenue. The Directors have expressed their gratification that while resigning her position as Superintendent of the Hospital, Miss Lumsden has consented to retain the supervision of this voluntary organization.

An interesting lecture on "Toxins and Anti-Toxins" was given last week at the Dublin Nurses' Club by Dr. Parsons, which was illustrated by lantern slides. A large number of members were present, who, at the close of the evening, accorded a very hearty vote of thanks to the able lecturer.

On the suggestion of the City Health Officer, the City of Adelaide has for some time past employed a trained nurse as an officer under the Health Act, with gratifying results. Her special work is the direction of the isolation and disinfection of infectious diseases. The value of her work in the sick room over that of a male inspector is evident, and the result is stated to be not only the prevention of disease, but also the education of the people in general sanitary reform. The good work done by this nurse (Miss T. M. Sweetapple) is now becoming recognised in other Australian States, and Melbourne and Sydney have followed the example of Adelaide. The last enquiry received by Dr. T. Borthwick, Medical Officer of Health for Adelaide, as to the duties of this nurse, was from the Secretary of the Central Board of Health of Tasmania, who, in reply to the information furnished, has intimated his intention of endeavouring to obtain the creation of a similar appointment in Tasmania. Women Inspectors and Health Officers have been appointed in Manchester, Birmingham, Glasgow, and other cities in this country, but we believe that to Adelaide must be given the credit of requiring the holder of such a position to be a graduate nurse.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Lord Balfour of Burleigh has made his award in the case of the "governors of Christ's Hospital and the governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital," heard by him as the sole arbitrator in January last, at the Surveyors' Institution, Westminster. This was a claim for compensation in respect of 67,680 square feet of land adjacent to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and forming the back portion of the well-known Newgate Street estate, which covers approximately five acres altogether. His award is that the governors of Christ's Hospital are to be paid the sum of £238,781.

The new children's ward at St. Thomas's Hospital will be used for the first time this week. The ward is tiled throughout and decorated with beautiful hand-painted panels (supplied by Messrs. Doulton's) descriptive of fairy tales and other subjects of interest to children. These panels have been given by Mr. Stephen Holland as a memorial to his daughter Lilian. The ward is constructed on the most approved principles, with the object of avoiding infection and the accumulation of germs; all the corners are rounded off, and all the doors are perfectly flat. The ward contains no wood, all the fittings being of iron, brass, or tin. Even the children's bed tables are made of metal. The medical tables are constructed with plate-glass tops. Opening out of the ward is a fine balcony facing the Thames; and into this balcony the children's beds can be wheeled in fine weather.

Mr. Charles Awdry presided recently at the annual meeting of the governors of King's College Hospital. The report showed that the total number of cases under treatment in the institution during the year was 2,770, while the out patients numbered 20,471. The expenditure for the year was £20,901, and the receipts from ordinary sources £13,541. Owing to the ever-increasing work various additions and improvements were urgently required. To enable the hospital to make use of the latest discoveries and maintain its historical position not only as a curative institution, but also in the forefront of medical and surgical science improved and extended accommodation must be provided for many purposes, including electrical and light treatment and radiography. For these purposes £75,000 was needed, and the committee earnestly appealed for the necessary funds. The nursing system at King's is so admirable that we hope the public will give it all the money it requires.

At the annual court of governors of the East London Children's Hospital, the committee reported that subscriptions had again been most kindly sent by readers of the "Express," providing for the maintenance of the children's donkey and cart for another year. The board of management thanked those readers of the "Express" who contributed to this object, and assured them that the children at the

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