

beds, and large reading and sitting rooms. In the said hospital will be admitted not only sailors and officers of the Russian ships, but all other patients—the poor without payment—and a service of ambulance is also in it established in order to provide doctors and medicines for outside patients in the country.

We wonder if the site of the beautiful Villa Milotopoulo, used as an English Hospital, during the war, has been chosen for this purpose. Queen Olga was greatly pleased with its breezy position and lovely outlook over the blue, blue sea.

A Canadian correspondent writes:—

"The evening of February 26th was an exceptionally happy time at the Nurses' Residence, Toronto General Hospital. The nurses, with anticipation of a delightful evening, hurried to their rooms when the hours of duty were over, doffed their uniforms and donned their prettiest gowns, and at eight o'clock were present with their Lady Superintendent in the parlour to meet Colonel and Mrs. Hamilton, who have for many years done so much to make the patients, and, in fact, everyone belonging to the institution, happy at Christmas time.

"What was our surprise, on entering the parlour, to see a beautiful silver punch-bowl, a Christmas gift to the nurses—the formal presentation having been deferred until this date.

"After Colonel and Mrs. Hamilton and the other guests had arrived, Dr. O'Reilly and Miss Snively thanked the donors for their beautiful and costly gift, to which the colonel replied most gracefully.

"The nurses took advantage of this gathering, consisting not only of nurses still in the Training School, but also a large number of graduates, to present Miss Sharp, who has been the faithful and highly efficient night superintendent for the last five years, with a silver-mounted ebony brush and comb, and a beautiful gold ring, set with diamonds and opals.

"Miss Sharp leaves March 1st to take the position of Lady Superintendent, General Hospital, Woodstock, Ontario.

"The Alumnae of the Training School, of which Miss Sharp has been secretary since its organisation, also presented her with a very handsome silver writing set.

"Finally all had to taste lemonade from the beautiful new bowl, after which the nurses who had not previously met Colonel and Mrs. Hamilton were presented, and the happy evening was brought to a close."

A tastefully printed booklet named "The Child Healer," by Dr. George H. R. Dabbs, is published by Messrs. Silsbury Bros., Shanklin, price 6d. The Proem to the story, or, more correctly, allegory, indicates its scope. "As the Child passed the steps of the Throne, and bowed low before the Deity, God saw upon his face a sadness that subdued the Joy of Heaven. And the Child, falling prone, waited; and the Voice

of the Deity spake to him: 'Return to Earth,' said the tender Voice, 'for yet seven earthly days. Thy heart is full of pain in that thou knowest, by brief celestial experience, that thou could'st lighten the lives of little earthly children were the opportunity Thine once more. Be their Child-Healer for those earthly days, and then return to My bosom as thy Kingdom.'"

How the Child fulfilled his commission the story tells. At the conclusion of the seven days he spoke thus to those amongst whom he had lived, and into whose lives he had brought joy and gladness. "And I say to you as my last words, as the message that I brought to guide my feet, as the creed that I leave you to direct your lives, try to understand the children you attempt to rear and wish to teach; know how credulous, how believing they are, and how their innocence resents false speaking or false words. Teach them to be kind by letting them know kindness. Leave the fire, and the wrath, and the savagery out of your creeds; leave in the Love that passeth all understanding. The rest will come where the heavenly roses bloom, peace will ensue where the labourers in the vineyard all are full of that peace, and in the shelter of the kingdom of God will be at last the reward for all suffering and sorrow here."

The Countess de Ferrières, who organised a hospital at Johannesburg for the sick and wounded at the commencement of the war in South Africa, had the honour of being received by the King on Monday afternoon.

### **The National Registration of Plumbers**

Mr. Lees Knowles has taken charge of the Bill dealing with this measure, which, at the instance of Lord Glenesk, has passed through all its stages in the hereditary House. Its progress in the Commons, however, is already seriously threatened, no fewer than three members, Mr. Henry Hobhouse, Mr. Caine, and Mr. Whittaker, having given notice that they will move its rejection.

At a public meeting of health and water authorities, architects, members of the medical profession, master and operative plumbers, and others held at the Technical College, Bradford, the following resolution was moved by Alderman Richard Hind, seconded by Dr. Arnold Evans, medical officer of health, and carried unanimously: "That this meeting, learning with interest that the Plumbers Registration Bill has passed its third reading in the House of Lords, trusts that it may be successfully passed through its several stages in the House of Commons and become law."

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