

Mrs. Wates, *née* Lofts, was trained at "Bart.'s" and rose rapidly in her profession. She was Night Superintendent and Assistant Matron at the Chelsea Infirmary from 1893-95, in which year she was appointed Matron of the Lewisham New Infirmary, a position she held with the highest credit for five years, proving a first-rate practical administrator, at the same time being inspired with the very highest sense of professional responsibility. Hence we find Mrs. Wates a member of the Matrons' Council with a seat on its Executive Committee, a member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses with a seat on its Executive Committee, and also what we may call a *watching* member of the Royal British Nurses' Association. Mrs. Wates was selected by the Matrons' Council to present its views on the Infirmary Nursing question to the Departmental Committee lately appointed by the Local Government Board, and her unanimous election to the interesting and important position of Hon. Secretary to the "Bart.'s" League proves that her colleagues know and value her straightforward and reliable character, and are grateful for services rendered to the profession as a whole in the past.

Out of the old Nursing Guild a society has been formed for the purpose of providing a trained nurse for the districts of Sparkhill and Greets, Birmingham. The Society has been affiliated with the Queen's Jubilee Institute, and, having secured promises of nearly £50 towards the object, it has been decided to make a house-to-house visitation with the object of raising £50 a year additional in support of the movement. The advantage of providing a trained nurse for the district is one of the utmost importance, and no doubt the hon. sec., Miss Richmond, of the Women's Hospital, Sparkhill, and the Committee will be supported in their endeavours to supply a public necessity.

A novel municipal undertaking is the Nursing Home maintained by the municipality at Düsseldorf, on the Rhine, and the institution forms a great object-lesson in administrative philanthropy. Externally the Nursing Home does not differ much from one of our hospitals or workhouses, but indoors the similarity ceases. The home consists of a large number of small wards. The inmates are classified according to their characters and dispositions. They are placed in tastefully-furnished rooms, and may even bring some of their own articles of furniture and their clothing, and if they are in receipt of a small pension they can pay, or help to pay, for their maintenance.

The priceless privacy of such a system might well be introduced into our own care of the deserving poor. It is the publicity of our workhouse system which makes it so repugnant to those who have until old age had their own little homes, however simple.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The honorary secretaries of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London have received at the Bank of England the sum of £10,000 from Lord Knollys, which sum had been given to the King by Mr. R. Lucas Tooth, of Australia, and which His Majesty has presented to his London Hospital Fund.

When the Maharajah of Jaipur visited the London Hospital a few days ago he was greatly impressed with the improved arrangements of the hospital.

A home for nurses is to be built at Chatham as a permanent memorial of Queen Victoria. The cost will amount to nearly £5,000.

The Prince of Wales has consented to act as President of the Cancer Research Fund. The money contributions actually paid amount to £32,391, and promises of £4,100 more have been received. It is hoped that this capital will be increased, and that it may eventually reach the full amount of £100,000.

Presiding at the annual meeting of the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, held for the first time at the new building in Maida Vale, the President, the Earl of Hardwicke, referred to the fact that had it not been for a large and unexpected bequest that building must have stopped short at the ground floor, as the Committee had wisely determined, at one time, that it must do. To equip the first section of the new hospital £2,500 would be required, and for this sum he made an earnest appeal, with the view of enabling the Committee to utilise the fine building, now requiring only to be fitted and furnished.

At Leeds a Ladies' Guild raises £70 a year for the maintenance of a woman's bed at the Gateforth Consumptive Hospital, and £50 a year to provide a night nurse for the sick poor of the southern portion of the city.

The Jeffcock Memorial Nurses' Home is being erected by Mrs. Jeffcock in memory of her husband, Mr. T. W. Jeffcock, J.P., D.L., of Sheffield, and provides a home for two nurses and their servant, to act as district nurses in the district of Ecclesfield, near Sheffield, where there is a colliery population in the country round about. Accommodation is also provided for a visitor. The plans present a charming house.

Two days' bazaar in aid of the Essex and Colchester Hospital has realised £2,000. The largest amount taken was at the stall at which Lady Gatacre presided. Among the gifts were such things as a truck of coal, a load of hay, two donkeys, a plough, fifteen lambs, six sheep, twenty pigs, live chickens, ducks and geese, a thirty-guinea Ralli car, half a ton of oil-cake, farm implements, and oysters, to be delivered from the beds of "real natives" when the latter come in season at the end of August.

There is a great scare in Cairo, where cholera is increasing day by day. Since July 15th there have been upwards of 400 deaths from this disease.

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