

fidence in the Nurse and ask for her resignation, or, failing this being tendered, that the consent of the Local Government Board for her dismissal should be sought. This was agreed to. It is easy to make a scapegoat. It is not so easy to mete out justice all round. But it is certain that, unless Guardians are prepared to support the nurse in authority in the maintenance of discipline, their present difficulties in obtaining satisfactory nurses will continue, and that they will only have themselves to thank.

The Sunderland Town Council, which has conferred the honorary freedom of the borough on nearly a hundred local volunteers, in recognition of their services in South Africa, has also, in a special motion, recorded its appreciation of "the heroic devotion to the Empire displayed by Nurses Mabel Rogers, Florence Elizabeth Filkin, and Florence Nightingale Shore, in going out to South Africa, and there rendering signal service to the sick and wounded." The Council further recommended that a certificate on vellum be presented to each of these ladies.

General regret is expressed at the resignation of Miss Ligertwood, the Lady Superintendent of the Kent Nursing Institution at West Malling, who has done excellent work during the many years that she has been connected with it. On the announcement of her resignation, due, we regret to say, to failing health, the Committee of the Institution decided to place part of a Legacy Fund in the hands of trustees in order that Miss Ligertwood might receive the interest during her life. A Committee was also formed with the object of raising a sum of money to present to her on behalf of those who appreciate her work. The Hon. Secretary of this Committee is Colonel Stockley, Nevill Lodge, West Malling.

Tamworth Workhouse nurses have appealed unsuccessfully to the Guardians for a piano on the ground that "it is very dull and monotonous in the infirmary, especially during the winter months." This is regrettable, as Guardians who provide reasonable recreations for their nursing staffs find that this helps much to overcome the difficulty of obtaining efficient nurses.

The Government of India has entrusted to the North-Western Railway the construction of a hospital train on the model of the Princess Christian hospital train which did such good service in South Africa. The train will be used in time of peace for conveying invalids from up-country stations to the sea, and in time of war for the sick and wounded. The Indian Government has provided for an expenditure of about two lakhs of rupees on the project during the present year.

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The annual medical service at St. Paul's Cathedral, organised by the Guild of St. Luke, will take place this year on the 22nd inst., at 7.30 p.m., when the Bishop of Kensington will preach the sermon.

A magnificent new operating theatre has been opened at the Royal Infirmary, Liverpool.

The foundation-stone has been laid at Delamere of a fine sanatorium for the open-air treatment of consumption. The building is to cost £70,000, which sum will be provided by Mr. W. J. Crossley, a well-known Manchester philanthropist, and will serve as a branch of the Manchester Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Throat and Chest. The annual maintenance of the hospital, which will be provided with beds for eighty patients, is estimated at three or four thousand pounds. An attempt is being made to raise a Coronation fund of £100,000. Towards this the sum of nearly £40,000 has already been promised, besides annual subscriptions amounting to £375.

The Nottingham Guardians have referred back to a committee a recommendation that newspapers and periodicals at a cost of £90 annually should be provided for workhouse inmates. These consisted of twenty-four morning papers, twenty-four evening papers, a dozen each of nine different weeklies, and magazines. The clerk suggested that the idea was to have morning papers on the breakfast table. Perhaps Mr. Carnegie will see his way to providing these luxuries.

At the annual meeting of the Lowestoft Hospital it was stated that the institution had not been in debt for twenty-four years! What a unique condition of affairs! The Governors might tell the London hospitals how it is managed.

A loan of forty million francs is proposed to put the Paris hospitals in an up-to-date condition. It is pointed out that not only do they not afford the necessary accommodation for the increased population, but they are not suited to provide the best treatment for tuberculosis, cancer, and other diseases, in dealing with which modern science has made progress. The loan is to be guaranteed by the octroi receipts.

The medical practitioners of Montreal announce that there has been a marked increase of mortality among the children of the poorer classes owing to the fuel famine. Since the advent of the cold weather the position of these classes has become very serious, as they are without fuel and the small dealers have none to sell. The poor always pay.

Cholera has been raging in the Philippines for months past. There were 5,390 fresh cases, 3,091 of which have proved fatal. Reuter says that the people are fleeing to the mountains, leaving the dead unburied and the dying uncared for.

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