

or assistant superintendent, her distinctive mark is a black muslin bow and black ribbon. The last and highest grade is "surveillante"; then a black silk cap, with muslin bow, and no ends, is worn. I do not think the duties differ, except in the case of the assistant superintendent and superintendents, but the salary is increased. I did not learn all this from my visit to this hospital, but only by degrees whilst visiting others.

Our conductor evidently thought that such trifles as the grades of the nurses, or anything connected with them, quite beneath the notice of anyone. The only thing in connection with them which he reiterated was, they were "diplômées," but how I could not find out. The building, of which he was justly proud, was of far more importance than the workers. The midwifery ward was very interesting, built exactly on the same plan as the others, but where the theatre was in the surgical ward was an accouchement room with a small operating room adjoining.

There was also an incubating room containing six wee things in incubators, not such as I described in "The Incubation of Babies in Paris," but such as we see at home—glass-cases warmed with hot-water bottles. In the large ward by the bedside of each mother was a little cot for her baby, such funny little objects as these babies looked in their swaddling clothes, or, as the French call it, *emmaillottée*. Around the wrist of each child was fastened a band, upon which was marked his or her name, so that, except in case of gross carelessness on the part of the nurse, the babies could not get mixed.

Finally, as the *pièce de résistance*, we were shown the kitchen, where everything was cooked by steam, roasts as well as boiled. We inquired of the Sister in charge of the kitchen the number of the staff, and were surprised to hear that only five persons were employed to prepare and cook for all those in the building, about 400 human beings.

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Royal Red Cross.

The King has conferred the decoration of the Royal Red Cross upon Mrs. Arnold (née Yeatman), a Colonial Nursing Sister, for services in Ladysmith, and also upon Lady Macdonald, in recognition of her services in tending the sick and wounded soldiers during the defence of the Legations at Peking in 1900.

The King's Sanatorium.

A site of 125 acres has been acquired near Haslemere, and within a short distance of Hindhead Common, for the erection of the King's sanatorium for the treatment of tuberculosis.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has consented to take the chair at a festival dinner in aid of the funds of the Royal Medical Benevolent College. The foundation-stone of this institution was laid just fifty years ago, and the building was formally opened in 1855 by the Prince Consort, who was accompanied by his present Majesty.

The Bishop of London will preside at the annual meeting of the Governors of the New Hospital for Women, to be held at that hospital on Tuesday, March 3rd, at three o'clock.

Lord Howard de Walden has consented to preside at a festival dinner in aid of the funds of the Metropolitan Hospital, to be held at the Whitehall Rooms on Wednesday, May 20th.

The Lord Mayor is about to assist the quinquennial appeal in support of the London Hospital by giving a dinner at the Mansion House on Monday, May 4th, to the leading friends and supporters of that great charity, of which the new out-patients' department will be opened by the King and Queen during the summer. Large sums of money have been donated to the hospital during the week.

The Earl of Kilmorey presided at the annual general Court of Governors of Charing Cross Hospital. The annual report stated that the new buildings were making substantial progress, and that the new nurses' home was completed. An alteration in the plans by which the operating theatres were to be placed in the King William Street block, instead of in Agar Street, would accelerate the completion of the building. The receipts for the year included £16,412 for the general fund, £2,645 for the special appeal, £5,022 for the festival dinner, and £1,197 for the convalescent home. The annual subscription list had increased from £2,319 to £2,411. The maintenance and administration chargeable to the general fund amounted to £14,646, and the cost per bed was £85 11s., and the cost of each in-patient £6 9s. The excess of expenditure over receipts reached £22,385, and the present year began with a deficit of £14,000, and the financial situation of the hospital was one of considerable anxiety. For the extraordinary expenditure, which in 1902 amounted to £33,000, it was not likely that a sum less than £62,000 would be required this year.

At the annual general meeting of the Governors of the London Fever Hospital, Islington, the Chairman, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, said he thought it was a considerable testimony to the work of the hospital that during the past few years many more sufferers had become subscribers and donors, thus showing they had appreciated the way in which they had been treated.

In a report of the Asylums Committee to the London County Council on the recent fire at Colney Hatch, it is stated that alterations are being made at several asylums to minimise danger in the event of fire. The temporary buildings of the Manor Asylum

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