

honours bestowed upon her, knowing full well that every nurse at home would be delighted to congratulate her if she could. Needless to say, Mdlle Bottard was much pleased to think that we had heard of her work; she showed us her two tiny rooms, very comfortably furnished and bright with flowers. Her photograph, which was taken when she received the Légion d'Honneur, hung upon the wall, and beneath it a small bronze medallion portrait of herself presented by one of the medical staff.

The Légion d'Honneur is not the only decoration which this exceptional old lady has received; she has three others—one given by the Minister of the Interior, another given by the Director-General of l'Assistance Publique, and the third by the Academy.

Mdlle. pathetically remarked, "I am now old, eighty years and four months; for sixty years I have worked in this one hospital, forty years in one division and twenty in another. But," she added, "I have been twice to London with patients. Now," she continued, "I have nothing to do, and I am very 'triste.'" Our little guide, who seemed to have a great affection for "Maman Bottard," as she is affectionately called, remarked that "after all those years of work for others she needed their care and attention." As Mdlle was suffering from a bad cold our visit was only of short duration. So, bidding her adieu, we left, very well pleased with our visit.

MARY BURR.

### Efficacious Action.

Fifty nurses in Athens—we presume children's nurses only—created considerable excitement recently by marching from the Home for Lost Children, on the Avenue du Pirée, to the Government Buildings, in order to present a grievance to the President of the Council. Since last November the nurses have received no salaries, and, as the Director of the Home turned a deaf ear to their requests for payment, they decided to strike.

Their action was completely successful. They were received by the President of the Council, who, after hearing them, made an order for the payment of their long-deferred salaries, thus affording a striking object-lesson to women of the value of combined action.

### American Nursing World.

Miss Bannister, who has won the title of M.D., is in charge of the Mills Training-School for Male Nurses, being Miss Delano's chief assistant. The training-school of the Bellevue nurses has been beautifully remodelled and enlarged, and many changes and improvements are under way coincident with a reorganisation of the hospital itself.

### Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Her Majesty the Queen has consented to become patron of the National Waifs Association, otherwise known as Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

The Lady Mayoress last week presided at the Mansion House at the first meeting of an association of ladies, formed to help the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, by making its work known and obtaining new subscribers. We hope it may arouse interest in this the first hospital for women founded in London, but we have not much faith in women's hospital committees. If the hospitals realise the value of women's work for charitable institutions, the only reasonable position for them is as members of the general committees on equal terms with men; they can then effect some real good; but merely as alms-gatherers the position is invidious and undignified.

The title of cancer hospital spells sorrow, and should arouse one's sympathy, yet from the annual report of that excellent institution, the Cancer Hospital, Fulham Road, one gathers that public support during the past year was unfortunately insufficient to meet the necessary expenditure, and the sum of £4,000 had to be realised by the sale of capital.

The report calls special attention to the enlargement of the Pathological Department that has been carried out during the year, so as to make full use of the large amount of material presented to the staff by the great number of cases seeking relief; and also to the very munificent gift of £3,154 12s. 9d. (representing £3,000 London and North-Western Railway Three per Cent. Debenture Stock) by the Right Hon. Sir Massey Lopes for the purpose of providing a permanent Chaplain to the Hospital.

Mr. Walter Long, M.P., will open the new laboratory at University College, Liverpool, built and equipped by Mr. W. Johnston, head of the Johnston line of steamers. Special facilities are offered for cancer research.

The Yarrow Convalescent Home for Children intimate that their new offices are situated at Terminus Chambers, 6, Holborn Viaduct, E.C.

At the Annual Court of the Governors of King's College Hospital, the report stated that the number of in-patients treated during the year again showed an increase, being 2,789, as against 2,770 in 1901. In the out-patient department the new cases were 19,397, of which 7,482 were emergency cases, and 370 poor women were attended in their own homes during confinement. The number of attendances of the out-patients, excluding the emergency cases, was 46,302. In spite of every effort to ensure economy, the expenditure for the year increased to £22,008 19s. 9d., owing to the continuous increase in the cost of provisions and exceptional expenditure on annual repairs and cleaning. The receipts from ordinary sources were £15,320 3s. 9d. To meet the excess of expenditure over income it was necessary to utilise the whole

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