

the important position of Superintendent Nurse at St. Peter-Port Hospital, Guernsey, was recently made the recipient of several handsome gifts from the former institution. These included a large ornamental bamboo cabinet, together with a massive palm, from the Matron and staff; an elegantly-ornamented silver hand-mirror and comb to match, from the old patients; and a chaste gold brooch, with initials, from a former patient, &c.

Nurse Emily Cotton, who has recently retired on a pension after a total service under the Poor Law of eighteen years, was presented with a marble clock, bearing the inscription, "Presented to Nurse Cotton by the officers of the Hampstead Workhouse as a token of their esteem and regard." The presentation was made on behalf of the subscribers by Mr. H. C. Russell, the Master of the Workhouse.

A home for the nurses of the Greenock District Nursing Association, connected with the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute, has been opened at 29, Kelly Street, Greenock. It has been comfortably furnished by members of the Ladies' Committee, and will be much appreciated by the nurses who have hitherto lived in lodgings and have not always had the comfort which they need.

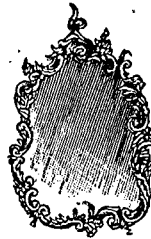
Most people will agree with Dr. W. Tuach, who is of opinion that a new laundry is an urgent necessity at Westgreen Asylum under the Dundee District Lunacy Board. Amongst other complaints he asserts "The copper boiler is much too small for its purpose. It is so low that the water is constantly bubbling over its edges, and hardly a day passes without one or other of the patients receiving a severe scald."

The Lord Lieutenant last week opened a grand bazaar and social fête on the Royal Dublin Society's premises, Ballsbridge, Dublin, in aid of Mercers Hospital. His Excellency was received by Lord Justice Fitzgibbon and members of the Reception Committee. The Lord Lieutenant said that the continued need of the hospital was a standing reproach to Dublin. The stalls were excellently arranged. That of the hospital attracted many purchasers, and the attendants, dressed in pale grey nun's veiling and white muslin aprons, looked extremely nice. The City of Dublin Nursing Institution also had a stall, and the nurses wore their pretty blue-and-white uniform. Mrs. Kildare-Tracy acted as the hon. secretary.

The greatest novelty was the archery competition, taken in charge of by Mrs. Hadden. The assistants wore white dresses, with "archery" in gold on pale-blue scarfs across their shoulders. This pretty, graceful, old-fashioned game attracted a great amount of interest, and was most remunerative.

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



HOSPITAL SUNDAY.—Next Sunday is Hospital Sunday, and we would exhort our readers to do what they can to help the best of causes. In the thirty years that have elapsed since the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund was instituted the donations have more than doubled, and last year the total (including legacies, special donations, and dividends) amounted to nearly £65,000. But the needs are as great as ever, and there must be no slackening of the efforts of individual Londoners to make the year's collection a success. We cannot all emulate the munificence of Mr. George Herring, who has promised to add one quarter to the amount collected in all places of worship, provided the total does not exceed £100,000; but we can all do something, however little, and if we all did anything like what we could do—and ought to do—the London hospitals would speedily be established on a firm financial basis.

VIEW DAY INNOVATIONS.—Referring to the historic View Day at Bart's, the *Journal* says:—"One innovation there was, if not more. Three of the newly-appointed lady governors accompanied the Treasurer and Almoners on their tour of inspection. We offer them a hearty welcome to their office, and express the hope that their advent may be an omen for the increased prosperity of the hospital in the near future. We have heard the sneer of the misogynist, but we may remark in the words of the hospital's greatest aphorist, 'We do not admire men so much that we despise women.'"

IN MEMORY OF SISTER DORA.—The Sister Dora Convalescent Home has recently been acquired by the management of the Wolverhampton General Hospital. The institution is situated amid delightful surroundings at rural Milford. Patients could hardly be treated in an atmosphere more invigorating than that which is such a marked characteristic of Cannock Chase. It will always redound to the credit of Staffordshire that the Home, which was in danger of languishing for want of adequate support, was retained by Wolverhampton. We do not think the new Committee will appeal in vain for funds. In the past it has cost from £600 to £700 a year to maintain the institution.

AMBULANCE DOGS IN WAR.—Three Scotch sheep-dogs, trained in ambulance work, have been presented by the German Emperor to the Russian Dog-Breeders' Association, which decided, at the outbreak of the war, to try to utilise dogs to aid the work of the Ambulance Corps. The training of dogs for ambulance work will shortly be undertaken by the Association. The dogs will be taught when they have found a wounded man to remain by his side, and attract the attention of the ambulance by barking, or silently go in search of the Ambulance Corps. They will carry a wallet containing bandages, restoratives, and water. We hope these dear doggies will wear the Red Cross, and receive the protection afforded by it.

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