

women of every class of society fully trained, and as expert and sympathetic as any of our own women can be, with full knowledge of their folk such as no new-comer can ever have, working under definite Government regulations in the army hospitals. Our own women might well take a lesson from them in the way they do their work, without ever considering whether they are getting *kudos* or not, and never thinking of gaining that sensational form of experience, for a woman, which consists in 'going to the front.'

The Nurses' National Associated Alumnae of the United States have just held their seventh annual Convention in Philadelphia, at which the present honorary officers were all re-elected—Miss Mary M. Riddle, President; Miss Mary E. Thornton, Secretary; and Miss Healy, Treasurer. One afternoon was devoted to discussing the absorbing question of State Registration, which was handled with interest and enthusiasm by nurses from various States. Amongst the papers read were "Reports of State Societies," by Miss Palmer; "The Justice of an Examining Board Composed of Nurses," by Miss S. H. Cabaniss; "The Necessity for Low Standards in the Beginning," by Miss S. E. Rose; and "State Reciprocity," by Miss M. Adelaide Nutting. Central Directories were discussed at length.

Legal Matters.

NURSE ACQUITTED.

At Bucks Assizes, Isabel Jane Livingstone, who was charged with setting fire to the Wycombe Isolation Hospital at Booker, was acquitted. It was alleged that the prisoner committed the act in revenge for not obtaining the appointment of Matron. When brought into court, she sobbed hysterically, and hid her face with her hands during the whole of the trial. On hearing the verdict, she exclaimed, "You are not going to hang me." On the occasion of her committal by the magistrates, the nurse, it will be recalled, grew hysterical, and caused a painful scene in the court.

The Passing Bell.

Miss Annie Chambers, Superintendent Nurse at Dunmow Union Infirmery, whose early death from pneumonia we regret to announce, had a strange premonition of her death. A few days before she fell ill she told several of her friends that she was going to die, and asked them to place bunches of violets on her coffin, and walking to the churchyard with a colleague pointed out the spot where she wished to be buried. All her wishes were observed at the funeral. Miss Chambers, who belonged to Forest Gate, was only twenty-six years of age.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



AN HISTORIC DAY AT BART'S.—The King and Queen will visit St. Bartholomew's Hospital on July 6th in semi-state, when His Majesty will lay the foundation-stone of the new casualty and out-patient department. The Queen has, in view of the occasion, consented to become the first lady governor that the hospital has ever had. An immense semi-circular pavilion, to seat 3,000 persons, is being built upon the site, which is part of the old Christ's Hospital land. It is understood that the Prince of Wales, as President of the hospital, will receive the King and Queen. After the stone-laying ceremony the King and Queen will drive through the ruins of Christ's Hospital to King Edward Street, and then, entering the hospital quadrangle by the Little Britain gate, will pass round the square, so that the patients may see them, and will leave by the ancient gateway leading into Smithfield. The out-patient department is the first instalment of the great rebuilding scheme. It will cost a little over £100,000, and Sir Trevor Lawrence, the treasurer, has stated that it is anticipated nearly the whole of this sum will have been subscribed before the opening. At present about £70,000 has been raised.

THE QUEEN IN THE EAST END.—The Queen has consented to visit the People's Palace, Mile End, in order to open the annual summer flower show of the People's Palace and East London Horticultural Society, of which the Duke of Fife is President, on the afternoon of July 14th. The proceeds of this show are to be devoted to the funds of the London Hospital, of which Her Majesty is the President.

ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.—On Tuesday last the Governors of St. George's Hospital, at a meeting held at the Westminster Palace Hotel, decided against the proposal that the hospital should be removed from its present site and built elsewhere. The Court had before it two reports—one by the majority and one by the minority of the Committee appointed in March of last year to consider the question. An appeal will be made to the public for £340,000 to rebuild the hospital on its present site.

£14,000 NEEDED FOR SICK CHILDREN.—Her Royal Highness Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) will open the new building of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children on July 13th, and will receive purses, with not less than £5 5s., towards the £14,000 involved in the extension of this valuable work.

A NEW HOSPITAL AT VIENNA.—The Emperor Francis Joseph laid the foundation-stone of the New Vienna General Hospital on Tuesday, which is destined to replace the famous Allgemeine Krankenhaus in the Alserstrasse. This institution, when completed, will be the largest, and at the same time most modern, hospital in Europe. It is to consist of forty pavilions, as they are to be called—of which, however, the eighteen Clinical Institutes will be so many separate large hospitals, with the best possible arrangements for teaching purposes, demonstrations, &c. There will be room in each operating amphitheatre for

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