

and assistance in placing a preliminary educational test for probationers on a satisfactory basis. It is also considering the establishment of a Course for Future Matrons, the writing of Text Books, and also how to Check the Manufacture of Improperly Trained Nurses. Heartly congratulations to this practical Council!

The town of Rochester, in New York State, is to have a tuberculosis nurse, who will live at the City Hospital and have her salary paid by the Public Health Association. The appointment of this nurse, who will be a graduate, is to be in the hands of the Superintendent of the hospital, which will give her free board and lodging. American nurses are sincerely anxious to take an active part in fighting tuberculosis.

The Passing Bell.

A LOSS TO HUMANITY.

The death is announced at Copenhagen of Professor Niels Finsen, the inventor of the light treatment for lupus which bears his name. Professor Finsen was aware of his approaching end, and a few hours before his death asked to see old friends and colleagues, of whom he took a touching farewell. The news of the death was at once communicated to Queen Alexandra, Her Majesty having shown much sympathy with Dr. Finsen in his illness.

Professor Finsen was in his forty-fourth year, and his great invention in therapeutic science first became known in this country mainly through the instrumentality of Queen Alexandra, who presented a set of the Finsen apparatus to the London Hospital. There is now a large instalment of the light in that institution, and medical men bear testimony that many patients suffering from a distressing and disfiguring disease have derived incalculable benefit from the treatment. Dr. Finsen led a life of splendid unselfishness. He scorned to make money out of his invention, and lived on a modest pension allowed him by the Danish Government. The death of this noble man is a loss to science and humanity.

Much regret is felt at the death, which occurred recently in Killala Fever Hospital, of Miss S. E. Steele, one of the nursing staff of the City of Dublin Nursing Institution, who was engaged a month ago to nurse some patients suffering from enteric fever. Upon their recovery Miss Steele was about returning to Dublin, when she was suddenly seized with illness, and it was then discovered that she had contracted the disease. Despite the constant attention and care of Drs. Perkins and Laing and Nurses Carr and Fox, the seizure terminated fatally, and the funeral, which was very largely attended, took place in the cathedral graveyard. Nurse Steele was a native of Clogheen, co. Tipperary, and was but twenty-six years of age. Amongst those who forwarded wreaths were Mrs. Kildare-Treacy and the nurses of the City of Dublin Nursing Institution; Mr. Goulding, Workhouse Master; Nurses Carr, Walker, and Fox, and Mrs. and the Misses Croly.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



MEDICAL ATTENDANCE AT INQUESTS.—The *British Medical Journal*, commenting on remarks recently made by Mr. Troutbeck, the Westminster coroner, that he "did not care to rely on the evidence of a young house surgeon, perhaps only just qualified," says: "We know, as a rule, that the resident medical officers of hospitals do their work well, with credit to themselves and to the institutions they represent; and to ignore them simply because they are young or recently qualified is an injustice to them and a reflection on the profession of which they are duly qualified and legally registered members."

THE OPENING OF A NEW CONSUMPTION HOSPITAL.

—During the past week, and without ceremony, a branch of the Mount Vernon Consumption Hospital at Hampstead was opened at Northwood, Middlesex. Both building and site are admirable, and especially adapted for the open-air treatment for which this branch is specially designed. The cost is estimated at £100,000, and the whole amount has been defrayed by one generous donor, whose wish is to keep absolutely anonymous. The site comprises 100 acres of meadow and woodland. All the wards face south and look towards Windsor, whilst one of the features of the institution is the balcony for the use of the patients, which runs along the front of the wards, with which communication is effected by French windows. Northwood is only eighteen miles from Charing Cross, but remains in a pleasantly-secluded district which is admirably placed for such an institution as this new consumption hospital.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.—The Finance Committee of the London Hospital Saturday Fund report that the receipts from January 11th to September 10th have amounted to £10,658 2s., as compared with £9,994 19s. 4d. at the corresponding period of last year. Since January, 24,525 letters of recommendation to the participating medical charities have been issued, upon the application of the collectors, including 1,318 for convalescent homes, 452 of which were on the part-pay system. "Hospital Saturday" is fixed for October 15th.

AN APPEAL FOR A WOMEN'S HOSPITAL.—Twelve members of the Ladies' Committee in connection with the Special Appeal Fund for the Samaritan Free Hospital for Women make a very earnest appeal to 15,000 women of the English-speaking races, both at home and beyond the seas, to subscribe £1 each, to provide the £15,000 still required to build the new out-patient department, nurses' quarters, new operating theatre, anæsthetising rooms, &c. More than 7,000 poor women are treated in the out-department alone every year; and all this work has to be carried on in a few dingy rooms in a small house adjoining the hospital, and presents a well-nigh impossible task to the eminent medical men who give their services. The hospital is "free," in the fullest sense of the word, and a special inquiry officer is constantly employed to guard against abuse of the charity. As

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