

almost inclined to say one nurse was sufficient, as they had wardswomen partly able-bodied in each ward. The Coroner said that on a former occasion a jury had expressed the opinion that inmates should not be employed as assistant nurses, because able-bodied, "able-minded" people would probably not be in the workhouse at all. It was for the jury to consider whether it was right that such people should be left in charge of the sick and infirm. The jury, in returning a verdict of "accidental death," added that inmates should not be allowed to act as nurses, that one nurse was not sufficient to supervise 130 patients in three hospitals, and that there should be at least one nurse in each hospital. We own we are surprised that a medical man could support the contrary view.

Miss Yeats, the Matron of the Gloucester Infirmary, has resigned her appointment to take up work as Matron of the City of Gloucester Infectious Diseases Hospital at Over. The Chairman, Colonel Curtis Hayward, in making the announcement, said that according to the rules of the infirmary Miss Yeats would have had to retire in three years' time, so they could not be surprised that she should seek a less arduous appointment, and one which she could hold for a later period in life. Miss Yeats had been Matron of the institution for seventeen years, and during that time she had carried out her duties most faithfully and conscientiously, and he thought they might congratulate the city of Gloucester upon having obtained a most valuable and efficient Matron for their institution, and one whom he thought would give confidence to everyone in the city and neighbourhood. They regretted parting with Miss Yeats, but, at the same time, they congratulated her upon having secured a post which she could retain, and which, after the arduous duties she had had to perform at that institution, would be comparatively light.

The Committee of the Up-Country Nursing Association in India is earnestly appealing for increased funds, as lately it has been found a difficult matter to comply with pressing requirements for more nurses for the Punjab and the United Provinces. The Society aims at providing nurses for civilians at up-country stations where formerly money could not buy for English men and women the comforts of good nurses when ill. Queen Alexandra is patron of the Association, and its work was signally honoured by receiving the unasked distinction of the patronage of the late Queen. Subscriptions and donations will be gladly received by the Hon. Treasurers, Colonel Sir William Bisset, Pineroft, Camberley, Surrey, and Major-General J. Bonus, Clapton Court, Crewkerne. The Association will commend itself to the sympathy of many whose anxiety has been increased by knowing that their sick relatives were far away from nursing aid.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



HONOURING THE GREAT DEAD.—Professor Finsen was given a princely funeral. His coffin was covered with wreaths from King Edward, Queen Alexandra, the King and Queen of the Hellenes, the German Emperor, King Christian, the Danish Royal Family, Danish and foreign corporations, and grateful patients, and, amongst others, our Queen was present at the service in the Frederich's Church at Copenhagen. All the orders, which Professor Finsen had never worn, were placed on the coffin. After the solemn service the coffin was carried by the late Professor's colleagues at Finsen's Institute to the hearse, when an imposing procession formed, passing through thronged streets. Flags were at half mast on nearly every house all the way to the churchyard. A commission has been formed to erect a monument in honour of this hero of science.

GIFT TO CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL.—Mrs. Mainwaring-Jones has contributed the sum of £1,000 to the funds of Charing Cross Hospital for the endowment of a bed in the new wards of that institution in memory of her husband, Lieut.-Colonel Mainwaring-Jones, of the Honourable Artillery Company.

AN AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR LONDON.—The Local Government Board has given its assent to the Metropolitan Asylums Board's proposal to keep its ambulance department open daily till midnight for an experimental period of six months.

WHY GORILLAS ARE DEAR.—In connection with the death of Venus and Chloe, the gorillas at the Zoo, the *Field* explains why these animals are so costly at the present time:—"Gorillas, as well as chimpanzees, are in great demand (it says) for purposes of scientific investigation in connection with tuberculosis, and tropical diseases, especially such as owe their origin to blood parasites. It is an open secret that an English collector is now working in West Africa for the Tuberculosis Commission. French scientists are no less active, and it would not be difficult to compile a list of public institutions willing to buy for this purpose.

THE AMALGAMATION OF MEDICAL CHARITIES.—It has been decided to amalgamate some of the hospitals and medical charities in Brighton, Hove, and the surrounding district. The objects in view are economy of administration, especially with regard to the outlay on buildings, and the avoidance of overlapping. It is proposed that the greater part of the medical charities of the towns should come under one central controlling Board, to be styled the Brighton, Hove, and Sussex Hospital Boards, though the institutions should continue to be carried on under separate committees of management, so that the personal interest of individuals in particular institutions may be maintained and fostered.

THE LIVERPOOL COUNTRY HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.—By the generosity of an anonymous donor, who gave £5,000 coupled with a stipulation that building should not commence until the Committee had £30,000 in hand, Liverpool is to have a children's hospital of 200

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