

influence without hurting the susceptibilities of the poor in their own homes.

At a meeting of the Belfast Nurses' Christian Association, held recently, addresses on missionary work were given by Rev. W. Dowse and Dr. Margt. McNeill (Manchuria), who exhibited some interesting curios. Dr. Norman Barnett stated that arrangements had been made to hold meetings of the association throughout the winter on the first Thursday of each month, and asked those present to try and interest other nurses in the movement.

Miss Florence Nightingale has been presented by the Agent-General for South Australia with an illustrated address from the members of the Royal British Nurses' Association of that Colony, artistically surrounded with illustrations of local flowers. Miss Nightingale has requested the Agent-General to convey her thanks to the donors, and to express her earnest good wishes for the future of the Association.

### National Sanatorium, Bournemouth.

The first annual show of linen collected by the Ladies' Household Linen Association was held at the National Sanatorium, Bournemouth, on November 10th.

The linen was on view in the male ward of the new wing, which, although structurally complete, is not yet furnished and ready for occupation.

The whole of the Institution was thrown open to the public, and tea was provided by the Association in one of the long and beautiful corridors. About 250 persons availed themselves of the opportunity of inspecting the building and recent alterations and additions. These include three wards, to contain respectively eight, five, and two beds, six cubicular bath-rooms, entirely new quarters for the medical and nursing staff, considerable enlargement of the patients' dining-halls, and a disinfectant for bedding, &c., as well as several minor improvements in the old building.

Although the Sanatorium Linen Association was founded as recently as March last, we observe it already numbers 148 members. A special effort has been made this year to raise funds in order that the cost of the linen and blankets for the new wards might be borne by the Association, and so not fall upon the already overburdened exchequer of the Institution. In this the ladies have been most successful, and the linen on show represented a money value of £75 4s. 2d.

We hear also that since the publication of the balance-sheet the Hon. Treasurer has received promises of help in money and kind which will enable the Society to provide those articles still remaining on the Matron's requisition sheet.

### Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King has been graciously pleased to give a donation of twenty-five guineas to the funds of the Italian Hospital, Queen Square, Bloomsbury.

The Queen has taken ten tickets for the reception which is being held by Mrs. George Alexander, Mrs. Kendal, Mrs. Beerbohm Tree, Mrs. Cyril Maude, and Miss Alice Neilsen, at the St. James's Theatre, on Tuesday afternoon, November 22nd, in aid of the Samaritan Hospital for Women.

The Prince of Wales has forwarded a gift of £25 to the funds of the Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen.

New wards recently added to the London Hospital, Whitechapel, and intended for the use of the Hebrew community, were declared open on Monday by Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, who attended in place of Lord Rothschild. The new wards will accommodate fifty-four patients, and £20,000 of the cost has been given by the late Mr. E. L. Raphael as a memorial of his wife, and nearly £1,000 by Mr. L. E. Raphael in memory of his parents.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (central office, Leicester Square) has, during the last quarter inquired into 11,420 complaints of neglect, ill-treatment, and other wrongs of childhood, of which 11,116 were dealt with and 304 are pending; 10,669 cases were found true, affecting 30,767 children and 13,933 offenders. Action was taken as follows:—Warned 9,036, prosecuted 747 (committed 724, discharged 23), and dealt with by transfer, &c., 886; 151 of the children died. The Society's inspectors made 46,481 visits of supervision.

The Duke of Portland has given £500 towards the enlargement of the Mansfield Hospital, with a promise of more should the larger of two alternative schemes be decided on. Local colliery owners have promised £1,700 for the same purpose.

The Bishop of Bristol will preside at a small initial Conference to be held at the London Education Offices, Victoria Embankment, on Wednesday, to consider the possibility of establishing for England a national or central school for physical education, on the lines of the Royal Central Institute of Sweden. Sir William Church, Sir William Broadbent, Sir Lauder Brunton, the President of Magdalen College, Oxford, and others have arranged to attend the meeting. Miss Theodora Johnson, Principal of the Swedish Institute, Clifton, will briefly describe the proposed scheme.

Since the announcement was made a short time ago that half the wards of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, would have to be closed at the end of December unless sufficient assistance could be obtained in the meantime, over £8 has been contributed in coppers placed in the collecting-boxes at

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