

of the imagination was a fine, well-planned building of very up-to-date construction. It is mostly only one story high, and divided into small blocks with connecting passages. The outside is all painted white, except the doors, which are brown. Inside the walls and ceilings are all enamel-painted, white also, while the floors are tessellated. This latter would be very cold to the feet if it were not for the great warmth given out by the stoves, which are everywhere. The beds are of a French pattern, very good and sensible, except for the fact of having no rollers on the feet. The patients all looked very clean and happy, and the men, who had been their sole nurses till we came, seemed kind in the extreme. Although a more intimate acquaintance with affairs revealed some shortcomings, they were only the inevitable result of having untrained workmen.

The foundation stone of the Wadia Home for Nurses, in connection with the Jamssetjee Jeejeebhoy Hospital, Bombay, was recently laid by the Governor, Lord Lamington, in the presence of the staff of the Hospital and College, and about fifty nurses. This hospital, which since 1881 has done excellent work for the native population of Bombay, has from time to time been extended. In consequence of the demand for an increase in the accommodation for the nurses, a native gentleman, Mr. N. N. Wadia, offered on behalf of his mother, Bai Jarbai, a sum of 23,000 rupees. This generous offer was afterwards raised to 40,000 rupees, with the result that steps were taken immediately for the erection of the Home.

Mr. N. N. Wadia, who requested His Excellency to lay the stone, said that during the last fifty years medical and surgical science had made tremendous progress, but he thought that the result achieved would not have been so great or so satisfactory without the aid of the number of nurses who had taken up the work. The notice of his mother, Bai Jarbai, having been directed to the fact that the accommodation at the Jamssetjee Jeejeebhoy Hospital for the nurses was far from adequate, she had made the offer which had been accepted by the Government.

Blackwall Nurses and a Sick Colleague.

In reference to the alleged boycotting of a sick nurse (Nurse Peacock) at the Blackwall Branch Asylum, Miss E. C. Rogers, a staff nurse in the institution, says that several times she has found the nurse in tears as a result of the unkind remarks made about her by other nurses in her hearing. During the first two days and nights of her illness these nurses were most unkind to her. She was then moved to another room, where, as far as they were concerned, she was left to herself. It is not often such an accusation is made against nurses. How do the patients fare at their hands?

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



When the King recently visited the hospital at Buxton, during his stay last January with the Duke and Duchess of Devonshire at Chatsworth, he promised to present an operating table to the institution. The handsome article is now completed, and contains the very latest improvements that professional ingenuity has devised. It is made entirely of phosphor bronze, with the exception of the douching funnel, which is of zinc, and can be manipulated with the greatest ease, even by the anaesthetist. At the head is a wheel on ball bearings, which allows the table to be moved to any position, while, by the simple action of a lever, it may be made perfectly stationary. An inscription plate in metal is fixed to the frame, bearing the following words:—"Presented to the Devonshire Hospital by His Majesty King Edward VII., in commemoration of His Majesty's visit to the hospital, January 7th, 1905."

The Duke of Connaught, K.G., will preside at a festival banquet at the Savoy Hotel on May 17th, held in connection with the Great Northern Central Hospital. The object of the banquet is to raise funds to meet the expenses of certain enlargements and improvements which have become indispensable, the accommodation in the hospital being quite inadequate to its greatly increased work, and also to pay off the indebtedness to the bankers. For this purpose the sum of £10,000 is required.

We are glad to learn that at last the Central Hospital Council for London is turning its attention to legitimate work; it is to be hoped that it may thus have less time to harass trained nurses in their just demand for professional reform.

The Council is considering an important matter in connection with the Provident Association for reforming the out-patient departments of the hospitals of London. The object is to extend to London the provident dispensary system which is carried on with great success in the provinces. What is needed in London is to try to place the poor in the position that they must show good reason for not having joined the provident dispensary in their district. This will not apply to accidents and the majority of surgical cases, but it will apply to a large number of medical casualty cases.

A most cheering statement was made by Dr. Ralph Stockman, Professor of *Materia Medica* in the Glasgow University, at a lecture recently given at Pollokshields. He stated that consumption was diminishing very considerably throughout the country. This he attributed to the general improved hygienic measures adopted in recent years—a fact which should prove encouraging to those who have laboured long to lessen the ravages of the dread disease. Now, concluded the lecturer, that the causes of consumption and methods of prevention are more widely understood, a more organised attempt should be made to crush out the disease. This could only be done by careful super-

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