

procure the money for furnishing all of it, except the theatre, and most faithfully has she carried out her promise; besides this she has been able to obtain £150 for the building fund. Pets are very much to the fore all over the infirmary, upstairs is a pet canary, who insists upon regular attention, and if it is not forthcoming at the exact moment, he chatters to everyone complaining in the plainest canary language of the unpunctuality of the nurses, and like those of most grumblers, his wants are supplied for the sake of peace.

The constant companions of the Matron are Nick and Smut, the former a Skye terrier, the latter a black Persian cat; between these two there exists a friendly jealousy as evinced by sundry attacks and skirmishes when either gets a little extra attention.

Persian cats are the universal pets, there being no less than five of different sizes and colours, from the tiny blue, the spoilt and petted darling of the drawing-room, to the giant tabby who sits beside the kitchen fire blinking contentedly at the beautiful old Worcester dinner service which adorns the dresser.

Miss Kinnimont takes a keen interest in old furniture and china, and her rooms are adorned with many treasures "picked up" from time to time on her treasure hunts, and they help to make a delightful home for a charming Matron. Needless to add that Miss Kinnimont is a firm believer in State Registration for Nurses.

MARY BURR.

The East London Nursing Society.

The Annual Meeting of the East London Nursing Society was held at the Mansion House on Tuesday last, the Lord Mayor presiding. Cordial testimony was borne to the value of the work of the nurses in the homes of the poor, and, indeed, who that has ever accompanied a nurse on her round of visits at the East End can fail to realise either the value of her ungrudging service or the appreciation which it receives from the poor amongst whom she works.

Last year no less than 5,277 cases were dealt with by the East London Nursing Society, and the total number of visits paid was 123,218. There are three Matrons and 27 nurses working in connection with the Society, their services being divided between 34 parishes. Of this number all the Matrons and ten of the nurses are Queen's Nurses.

The adoption of the report was moved by Mr. Alderman and Sheriff Strong, who commented on the fact that the Society had done more work last year than it had ever accomplished within a similar period. He cordially congratulated the committee on the work performed. The motion, which was seconded by the Rev. H. J. Kitcat, Rector of Bow, was adopted. Other speeches on behalf of the Society were made, all commending it to the support of those who were in a position to assist its good work.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Queen has graciously consented to be Patron of the University College Hospital Ladies' Association.

A grand concert, under the patronage of Her Majesty the Queen, in aid of the Alexandra Hospital for Children has been arranged by the Duchess of Somerset and will take place at 35, Grosvenor Square, on Thursday, the 30th inst., at half-past three o'clock. Madame Marchesi, Miss Ada Crossley, Miss Edith Kirkwood, Miss Norah Drewett, Mr. Gregory Hast, Mr. Atherton Smith, Mr. Pitt Chatham, M. Hollman, and Herr Franz Meisel will perform. Tickets, priced one guinea, can be obtained from the Duchess of Somerset, 35, Grosvenor Square.

The Prince of Wales, attended by the Hon. Derek Keppel, visited St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, on Tuesday afternoon.

Her Royal Highness Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll has consented to open in July next the new school hall and the Carter Wing of the Christian Social Service Union's epileptic colony at Lingfield.

The Osborne Estate Act (1902) Amendment Bill, backed by Mr. Victor Cavendish and Lord Balcárrés, has been printed. The following explanatory memorandum is prefixed:—

In August, 1902, the Osborne House and Estate were devoted by the King to national purposes, the necessary arrangements being made by the Osborne Estate Act, 1902 (2 Edw. 7, c. 37). Under that Act (s. (1) (4) b), the part of Osborne House which was not in the personal occupation of Queen Victoria can only be used for the benefit of officers of the Navy and Army, and is now, in accordance with the King's intention, fitted up and used as an officers' convalescent home. The object of the Bill is to extend the benefits of this convalescent home so as to affect, not only officers of the Navy and Army, but also persons in other branches of the public service, having particularly those in view who are serving the Crown in the Colonies or foreign countries under unhealthy or dangerous conditions.

M. Pansa, the Italian Ambassador, was present at the Italian Hospital, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, on Saturday, when to commemorate the completion of the twenty-first year of the institution, a portrait (subscribed for by the committee of management of Mrs. Angiola Ortelli, widow of the founder, and the hon. lady superintendent was unveiled. His Excellency, in some felicitous words, handed over the gift to the hospital, and among those who took part in the proceedings were Mrs. Angiola Ortelli, the Italian Consul-General, and Lord Edmund Talbot, M.P.

Lady Frederick Cavendish presided, and Colonel David Bruce, Mrs. Garrett Anderson, Prebendary Paget, Mrs. Boyd, Miss Chadwick, and Mrs. Westlake were among the speakers at the annual meeting of the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, London, last week.

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