

Dr. William Osler, in an address before the Canadian Club of Toronto, is reported to have said that as Canadians they had three relations to consider—the country to the south, the motherland, and their own Canada. Fortunately, or unfortunately, the nation to the south was one of the most powerful on earth. A Briton should be proud of it, for no other nation, ancient or modern, ever had such a child. A very serious and important influence was that of gravitation, the attraction of the larger body upon the smaller, which caused an incessant dribbling over the border of their young men. A million Canadians were in the States, many in prominent positions in finance and in the professions, particularly in medicine and theology. There they had been successful by reason of two special qualities, industry and thoroughness, the only qualities worth anything in the make-up of a young man. If it were only in the matter of draining away the young men, it would make no difference, as plenty were left to run the country. But a more serious loss was that of the young women. He had a patient once, a neurasthenic young man of thirty or so, whose heart was not settled. Dr. Osler asked him why he did not get married. "Because all the girls I wanted have gone to the States," was the reply. Of 651 women engaged in nursing in six of the great Eastern hospitals, 196 were Canadians—an enormous proportion, almost one-third.

American Medicine says:—"For weal or woe, both professions (medicine and nursing) depend upon each other; what harms one will surely harm the other. They are, as it were, united in a marriage, which admits of no divorce. Even if crime or an unchangeable 'incompatibility of temper' compel a kind of truce or divorce, it will be worse for both and for the public in whose interests we are all labouring. Should 'separation' occur, we can only go back, not forward to any makeshift; and the retrogression is either to the old-time crude and ignorant service of relatives, or to the quack nurse."

View Day.

View Day at St. Bartholomew's is an historic and always interesting occasion. To the nurses it has a special interest, for they are free of all the wards, and avail themselves of the opportunity to show friends round the hospital and to visit wards in which they have formerly worked. On Wednesday (which was View Day this year) the hospital looked its best; lovely flowers in profusion were arranged with the taste for which the British nurse is famed, and the colour schemes in the various wards were excellently thought out.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Lord Ludlow, has received a cheque for £500, as an anonymous donation, from "G. W. C.," and £100 from "H. J. R." towards the rebuilding fund, as well as a second donation of £500 from the Goldsmiths' Company, and £1,000 from the Trust Fund of the late Mrs. Alice Palmer, per E. Heron Allen, Esq. We are glad to learn that the treasurer and almoners have accepted a contract for the new out-patient and casualty block from Dove Brothers at a cost of £95,000, and that building will commence at once.

A bazaar takes place at Westminster on the 23rd, 24th, and 25th of this month in order to raise funds for the Westminster Hospital. The Queen has given her patronage, and Lord and Lady Cheylesmore, the Mayor and Mayoress of Westminster, are taking active measures to ensure its success. The ladies in charge of the various stalls are to be dressed in costumes representing the different Queens of England, and a number of well-known men have also promised to appear as the Kings.

By permission of the Duchess of Bedford, the annual meeting of the East-end Mothers' Lying-in Home will be held at 15, Belgrave Square, on Wednesday, the 17th inst., at four o'clock.

The Lord Mayor has kindly consented to preside at a Mansion House meeting on July 13th to commemorate the twenty-first anniversary of the opening of the Mary Wardell Convalescent Home, Stanmore, Middlesex, by the present King and Queen.

Mr. S. Lambert, speaking at a meeting of the Islington Guardians, said that for the consumptive patients of London there would be required a dozen hospitals at an outlay of over £3,000,000, while £500,000 a year would be necessary for maintenance. A penny rate on London produces £170,000, and a threepenny rate would be required for the purpose.

The Duke of Portland has contributed £500 and the Duke of Devonshire £200 towards the extension of the Mansfield Hospital, a work necessitated by the great influx of the mining population into the town and district owing to the opening up of new pits.

A memorial Hospital was opened at West Hartlepool on Saturday afternoon by Sir Christopher Furness, M.P., which has been erected at a cost of £20,000, given by the Cameron family (well-known brewers) as a memorial to the late Colonel Cameron. Accommodation is provided for twenty-five beds, but it will be possible to increase the number to forty. Sir Christopher intimated that he would, on certain conditions, contribute £1,000 to the endowment fund for hospital work in the Hartlepoons.

Mrs. Handley, whose husband, the late Rev. E. Handley, was President of the Royal United Hospital, Bath, and did much for the institution, has offered to place a brass tablet in memory of her husband in the Hospital Chapel. The offer has been accepted with grateful thanks.

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