

to me not to be able to do this, but there is still time to raise the comparatively small sum before the winter sets in and the little hospital gets full of patients. There is only one Sister to attend to them, and visitors are astonished at the exquisite neatness, cleanliness, and comfort which prevail. A second Sister to help Sister Bertha and to nurse the sick in their own homes will be a boon that only those who are without district nurses in our own favoured England can realise. Sixty-five people who have seen the wonderful Passion Play that has taught such a lesson to the whole world, or have seen *The School of the Cross* this year which leads up to it, are asked to give £1 each. The sum ought surely to be raised in a week." Subscriptions should be sent to Miss Milner, at Heworth Moor House, York.

Unity, Peace, and Concord were the words fitly chosen by Professor Osler as the theme of his farewell address to the medical profession of the United States. "Of my life here, you all know I have studied to be quiet and to do my own business, and to walk honestly toward them that are without, and one of my chief pleasures has been to work among you as a friend, sharing actively in your manifold labours. But when to the sessions of sweet, silent thought I summon up the past, not what I have done, but the many things I have left undone, the opportunities I have neglected, the battles I have shirked, the precious hours I have wasted—these rise up in judgment."

This month the *Australasian Nurses' Journal* enters upon a new phase of its career, and will henceforth be published monthly, instead of quarterly as in the past. It retains its pretty rose-coloured cover, and is got up in admirable style—paper, printing, and matter all being first-class.

The two great nurses' societies, the Australasian and the Victorian, are working away to define a basis of reciprocity between the two Associations, and as the difficulties are by no means unsurmountable, and the spirit is willing, no doubt we shall live to welcome the great Federation of Australasian Nurses, and to see its members registered by the State authority, thus crowning the splendid voluntary work which makes such a consummation possible.

Now that the various Australasian States are forming Associations, as branches of the Australasian Trained Nurses' Association, the little branch of the R.B.N.A. in South Australia might very well lapse, as it can be of no practical use to the nurses of the colony. The Matron of the Kapunda Hospital, who is a member of the R.B.N.A., recently demurred to having to join the A.T.N.A. as well, and the secretary pointed out to her that if it were desired that the hospital should be recognised as a training-school by the Australasian Association, the Matron must become a member—which she has done.

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



From the report of the Board of Management of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, presented at the quarterly Board of Governors, we gather that the financial position of the hospital is critical in the extreme. Unless the sum of £36,500 is forthcoming there will be no alternative but to sell the greater part of the hospital's investments—£43,000 in all—and thus diminish the future income, and leave practically no reserve to fall back on in bad times. Of the £35,000 required for the Clarence Memorial Wing only £8,000 has been received in response to the appeal issued. If the hospital's investments have to be sold its position will become more precarious than ever, and it will be necessary to close some of the wards, when, even now, the ward accommodation is not adequate for the population which the hospital serves. It is to be hoped that the wealthy residents in the neighbourhood will come forward and prevent such a calamity as depriving the sick poor of hospital accommodation just as the winter is upon them.

The Asylums Committee of the London County Council reports the appointment of Dr. J. J. Baily, senior assistant medical officer of Hanwell Asylum, as medical superintendent of that institution at a salary of £1,000 a year, with residence, in the stead of Dr. Alexander, who has resigned.

The Committee of Management of the Mount Vernon Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest have received a donation of £1,000 from the Misses Isabel and Emma Goldsmid in memory of the late Miss Flora Goldsmid, in response to their appeal for £100,000 for the purpose of opening the 110 empty beds in the hospital.

We regret to note that at the recent meeting of the Governors of the Lincoln County Hospital it was reported that there is a balance due to the treasurer of £899 14s. 2d. on the present quarter's account, and of £745 11s. 1d. on the last quarter.

The Governors of that admirable institution, the Sussex County Hospital, have recently received a very acceptable donation to the funds. It takes the form of a sum of £500 from "S. S.," and having regard to the financial position of the hospital, it is to be hoped that this handsome gift will be followed by others of a similar character from those who have the means at their disposal. For many years past the annual income of the hospital has been insufficient to meet its annual expenditure, and the gradual accumulation of deficits has resulted in a state of affairs which the Committee of Management legitimately described as critical in their last report.

The Blackpool Bazaar, in aid of the Victoria Hospital, was a stupendous success, £5,000 being taken on the opening day. Lady Derby's generous gift of £500, the amount required to endow a cot, was gratefully and enthusiastically accepted as a splendid start for the bazaar.

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