

also rightly find a place there, and would help the nurse sometimes to look at situations from the doctor's standpoint, and get a clearer idea of the nurses' relation to the physician and to the sick in general.

The nurses' reference library should not be a dumping ground for old medical books that have passed their days of usefulness in a doctors' library. The chief value of a reference library is in the help it affords the nurses in getting a clear understanding of the lectures delivered by physicians. If their notes taken during the lecture are not clear, and this often happens, the obscure points can be looked up in the medical library.

A cabinet should contain specimens of crude drugs, charts and illustrations showing the different steps in the process of preparing drugs, vaccines, serums, &c., which would help to transform a notoriously dry subject into one that is as interesting as a story, that is, if the lecturer has the gift of story-telling.

In a closet or cupboard, an obstetrical mannikin, boxes of bandages for teaching purposes, and a miscellaneous collection of things that are needed, but need not be enumerated, may be kept.

The diet kitchen, which is used for teaching, is in reality a class-room and laboratory combined, and should be furnished much in the same manner as a modern cooking school, with individual mixing basins and appliances for practical experiments and instruction. This room needs its own separate charts, showing the different cuts of meats, and illustrating the thousand and one points that come up in the teaching of dietetics.

We are gaining ground in our training school work, but the need of school room supplies and equipment for teaching is painfully felt in many a hospital. Let us by all means be practical, but let us be intelligent and thorough at the same time.

The following story of heroism is reported by the *Leader*: Fire broke out recently in the Roman Catholic convent and school at Torgau, in Silesia. Most of the children and others escaped, but two were found to be missing.

Sister Christine Kres and Sister Clara Gratzfeldt ran back into the burning building to look for the children. Neither reappeared. Sister Christine was found afterwards burned to death and clasping the body of a little boy in her arms. Sister Clara lay close by, with the charred corpse of a child beside her.

## Reflections.

### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Princess Royal on May 5th lays the foundation stone of the reconstructed Bolingbroke Hospital at Wandsworth Common. The new building will cost £30,000.



The Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein have given their patronage to the "Ascot" ball, which will be held in the Wharnccliffe Rooms, Hotel Great Central, on Thursday, June 28th, in aid of the Hospital for Women, Soho Square.

A festival dinner in aid of the Maintenance Fund of the Hampstead General Hospital will be held at the Grand Hotel, Northumberland Avenue, on May 17th, Sir George Barham, Mayor of Hampstead, in the chair.

Speaking at a meeting at the Mansion House, at which Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany was present, in aid of the Royal Waterloo Hospital Bazaar and Floral Fête to be held in June, Mr. Walter Long, M.P., said he believed the time would come when it would be necessary to make the majority of the hospitals eligible for support from the rates. Sir Savile Crossley, on the contrary, speaking also at the Mansion House at the Annual Meeting of the Hospital Saturday Fund, did not think the day was near.

A new ophthalmic block erected in connection with the Royal Infirmary at Derby has been opened by Lady Belper. The block has been provided out of a bequest of £10,000 left for the purpose by the late Mr. Henry Evans, of Highfield, Derby, and is completely equipped. Lady Belper was accompanied by Lord Belper, and the large company included the Bishop of Derby and the Mayor.

Dr. John Scott, one of the oldest medical practitioners in England, died last week at New Maldon, in his ninety-fifth year. He was one of the founders of the Women's Hospital in Soho Square.

Dr. Doyen, the eminent French scientist, in the course of a paper which he read before the Medical Congress at Lisbon, placed before it his discovery of the fact that inoculation of the patient with the yeast bacillus of beer cures cases of cancer.

He is of opinion that further investigation will develop discoveries ranking in value with the discovery of the antitoxin treatment by vaccination for smallpox.

The grand prize of £200 for the greatest scientific work for the benefit of humanity has been awarded to Dr. Severan, of Paris, for his work in isolating the malaria germ.

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