

that she had been moved out of the ward. One of her greatest interests during the night in which she often used to lie awake for hours, was to watch for the policeman's lantern going past the hospital windows as he went his rounds, and to wave her hand to him.

"Nurse, a drink please."

The cocks in the village are all crowing.

Georgie's "tar" peeps in at the window.

Why! it is morning and nurse hurries up with the splint that she is finishing.

E. W. S.

### The Nurses' Conversazione.

Members of Societies affiliated to the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses, will be glad to know that they can now obtain tickets for the Conversazione to be held at the Galleries of the Royal Society of British Artists, 6A, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, S.W., on the evening of June the 14th, at 1s. 6d. each. Application should be made to Miss Barton, Hon. Secretary, at 431, Oxford Street, W. The affiliating Societies are the Matrons' Council, the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, the Registered Nurses Society and the following Leagues: the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, the League of St. John's House Nurses, the Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League, the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League, the Royal South Hants Nurses' League, the Kingston Infirmary Nurses' League, the Parish of Nottingham Nurses' League, and the Irish Nurses' Association.

Tickets for non-members may be obtained for 2s. 6d. each, and it is hoped that many members will thus be enabled to bring friends.

Every member of an affiliated society should reserve this evening if possible. The Conversazione promises to be a great success, and, as most nurses are fond of music, arrangements are being made to secure the services of a first rate band.

Miss Eliza Whitmore, known to medical men and nurses at St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner, as "Sister Nannie," has retired from active work after twenty-five years of devoted service to the hospital. The *St. George's Hospital Gazette* says:—"The number of helpless probationers and dressers whom she has initiated into the mysteries of female accidents baffles our powers of calculation, but there is no doubt that she had as many friends as she had pupils, and that her brusque and pointed, but altogether kindly, instructions will be remembered with gratitude by all who have received the benefit of them."

### Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King, who laid the foundation stone of the King Edward VII. Sanatorium at Midhurst in November, 1903, has announced his intention of opening the completed building about the middle of next month. The Sanatorium is designed to receive 100 patients, 88 poor persons and 12 of the well-to-do classes.

The Princess Royal, attended by Lady Farquhar, visited the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, in Hackney Road, last week. Her Royal Highness was conducted through the wards by Mr. T. Glenton-Kerr, the Secretary, and Miss Bushby, the Matron. She distributed toys to all the children in the hospital.

In the account of an inquest held last week on the body of a woman who died in hospital from septic poisoning, it was widely stated in the daily press that the death took place at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and that a post mortem examination was made without the consent of the husband having been obtained. It was further stated that in defence of this procedure a surgeon from the hospital said in evidence that there was a notice hanging in the entrance stating that if a patient died in the hospital a post mortem examination would be made. We are glad that Mr. Thomas Hayes, Clerk to St. Bartholomew's, has contradicted the facts as without the slightest foundation so far as that hospital is concerned. It is strictly laid down in the rules of the hospital that "no post mortem examination shall be allowed to be made without express permission from the relatives or friends of the deceased." It now appears that the report was supplied by a news agency, and refers to "another hospital on the south side the river." The notice, conspicuously displayed, always strikes us as peculiarly callous. St. Bartholomew's invariably treats its patients with consideration, and we hope wide publicity will be given to its disclaimer of a report certainly calculated to injure it.

Lord George Hamilton laid at Harrow on Saturday afternoon the foundation-stone of a new cottage hospital, which is to be erected at a cost of £6,500. The ceremony was conducted with full Masonic ritual.

A drawing-room meeting in aid of the Infants' Hospital, Hampstead, was held on Friday in last week at 11, Kensington Court, Kensington, on the invitation of Mrs. William E. Scott. The chair was taken by Mr. Benjamin Broadbent, Mayor of Huddersfield, who is endeavouring to reduce infantile mortality by offering a sovereign to the parents of every child born in one ward of Huddersfield during his period of office and reaching the age of twelve months. Of 102 children who came into the world in 1904-5 all but five have reached the prescribed age. Dr. C. W. Saleeby, who also supported the

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