

The Chairman said that if they wanted to gain the help of the public for an institution they must make known the character of its work. They must also show that the work itself was done with efficiency and economy. The branch of social service which came closest to the mind of the Master was, he believed, that which was represented by their meeting. From the first Christianity had its social as well as its spiritual side, and the work of the Adelaide Hospital kept that in view. Whilst the city benefited largely by the hospital, the whole of the country benefited as well, and the whole of the country was, therefore, under special obligation to help the work of that institution.

In reference to an entry in the minutes of proceedings of the North Dublin Union, the Local Government Board have drawn the attention of the Guardians to the fact that the nurse in charge of the patient concerned had under her care 170 patients located in seven wards. The Local Government Board desired to point out that it would be altogether impossible for one nurse to attend to and be responsible for so many patients, and in the circumstances they had to request that the Guardians would be so good as to arrange for a sufficient staff at night to discharge efficiently all the nursing duties, and ensure that each patient might receive the requisite attention, and thereby prevent as far as possible the occurrence of accidents to any of the patients. A resolution was adopted asking the Reverend Mother, who is in charge of the nursing in the house, to consult with the Master, and report on the number of trained nurses who would be necessary to place the whole nursing system on a thoroughly efficient basis.

Very bad reports are to hand from San Francisco about the hospital and nursing worlds there. The doomed city lost eleven hospitals in the fire, and two large brick hospitals outside the fire line were demolished by the earthquake. Many nurses lost all their possessions, or were rendered homeless by the fire.

Miss Genevieve Cooke, the editor of the *Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast*, has suffered severely—her office and home were swept away—but happily, she herself escaped, and she is with wonderful energy and courage at work making the best of her troubles—has already sent a new address in San Francisco for her exchange copy of this Journal—and will no doubt, get her own publication out on time,

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



His Majesty will open the King Edward VII. Sanatorium at Midhurst on Wednesday, 13th inst. He will be accompanied by Queen Alexandra.

Lord Ludlow, the treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has received £200 from the Corporation of the City of London, this being the third instalment of a grant towards the Rebuilding Fund.

Princess Christian has consented to lay, on Saturday, July 14th, the foundation-stone of the new sanatorium which is being built by the National Committee for the Establishment of Sanatoria for Workers suffering from Tuberculosis on the site which has been acquired at Benenden, in Kent.

The Home Secretary, in a written answer to Mr. H. J. Tennant, M.P., has stated that the Metropolitan police magistrates are unanimous in the opinion that the working of the Home Office regulations for keeping children's cases separate from others is quite satisfactory. The regulations suggested by the Home Office, or others similar to them, are in force in thirteen of the county boroughs—namely, Blackburn, Cardiff, Devonport, Hull, Liverpool, Newport, Norwich, Portsmouth, Preston, Reading, South Shields, Tynemouth, and West Ham. In sixteen other county boroughs charges against children are heard before others, and care is taken to keep children apart.

Lord Ampthill, the president, will take the chair at the annual meeting of the Colonial Nursing Association, to be held in the Library of the Colonial Office on Wednesday, June 13th, at 3.30 p.m. The adoption of the report will be moved by the Earl of Elgin and seconded by Sir Frederick Hodgson.

The United States Ambassador presided recently at a festival dinner in aid of the Charing Cross Hospital, when a sum of £12,257 was subscribed.

The Anti-Typhoid Inoculation Committee, in an interim report, state that the records which are up to date furnish proof that the practice of anti-typhoid inoculations in the Army has resulted in a substantial reduction in the incidence and the death rate from enteric fever among the inoculated. The Committee therefore recommend that the practice of voluntary inoculation against enteric fever in the Army be resumed.

Many charities benefit under the will of Dr. Thomas Corbett, of Droitwich, including the principle London Hospitals, the Birmingham General, and the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, the Gloucester Infirmary, and the Worcester Infirmary, the legacies varying from £5,000 to £2,000 each,

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