

years may see more efficient nurses sent out—nurses who shall prove what Indian girls can accomplish when well trained.

In her own report of the Training School, Miss Thorpe relates that in November, 1904, a scheme for its reconstruction was laid before the Committee and accepted at the Annual Meeting. Prior to this there was no fixed standard of education required of the candidates, and the length of training was for two years only. The principal clauses in the new scheme were that steps should be taken to have the Hospital recognised by Government, so that the certificates given to the nurses might rank with those obtained from the Training Schools in Madras, Calcutta, and Bombay, the appointment of the Sister in Charge as Superintendent of Nurses and the extension of the course of training to three years. The rules for probationers also require a definite standard of education. Three months' practical dispensing is included in the three years' course, and those wishing to take Obstetrics are prepared for the Government Examination, which corresponds to the examination until recently conducted by the London Obstetrical Society. This course is taken at the conclusion of the three years' general training.

Miss Thorpe reports that it is not easy to get the kind of girl that is wanted. As at home, in days gone by the idea is prevalent that nursing is for those who from lack of brains are unable to enter other professions. Principals of schools who have been asked for their best girls to train as nurses have replied, "She is too well educated or too clever to waste her time nursing." They have yet to learn that the best that they, or any one, can give is not good enough for a profession which will tax every power a nurse possesses.

### Wedding Bells.

The wedding recently took place, at St. Ninian's, Moffat, N.B., of Miss Mabel Charlotte Pearse—youngest daughter of the late Rev. J. Wingate Pearse, Rector of Wilton, Bucks and Rural Dean—and Dr. Harold Utterton Gould, M.A., of Shaftesbury. The bride is well known to many nurses as Sister Elizabeth of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. She is also a sister of the Matron of the Great Northern Central Hospital. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. F. Wingate Pearse, B.A., brother of the bride. Many members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, of which Mrs. Gould is a member, will unite in wishing her every happiness in her new life.

### Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



A Petition from the Council of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund praying for a Charter of Incorporation was submitted to the King at a recent Council, and was referred by his Majesty to a Committee. Any petitions for or against the Grant of a Charter should be lodged at the Privy Council Office before the 3rd of September.

The resignation of Mr. W. L. Saunder, the genial General Superintendent and Secretary of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, reminds us that he has acted in this capacity for nearly thirty years. When we entered the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, as a lady pupil now more than twenty-five years ago, Mr. Saunder held the office which he has just resigned.

After serving as the medical officer for the rural district of the Isle of Wight for thirty-five years without having had any holidays, Dr. Groves has been allowed leave to attend the meeting of the British Medical Association in Toronto. We should say he has earned it. The doctor is a British Vice-President of the State Medicine Section.

A three days' bazaar in aid of the Mansfield Hospital, was opened at Mansfield last week by the Duchess of Portland. The present buildings are inadequate to the needs of a growing mining district, and a new wing is being erected to accommodate forty patients, at a cost of £7,000, towards which £3,800 has been promised. Mr. A. B. Markham, M.P., presided at the opening ceremony. Her Grace said that she esteemed it a privilege to be associated with so beneficent a work. A great responsibility was cast upon them to see that the new wing should be opened quite free of debt.

The epidemic of diphtheria has been playing fearful havoc in the village of Fleckney, Leicestershire, for the last three months, and has now spread to the neighbouring towns and villages, causing much alarm in the county. Cases have broken out in Market Harborough, Kibworth Harcourt, and Medbourne. An inspector of the Local Government Board has visited the district, and every precaution is being taken to stamp out the disease.

How is it that in building hospitals at the present day committees and architect do not obtain practical advice as to what is essential. We know one hospital where for some time the only available building which could be utilised as a mortuary was the wash-house, and now Alderman Pratt has drawn the attention of the Newark (Notts) Urban District Council to the deficiencies of the new isolation hospital.

There is, he said, no kitchen, store-room, room for

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