

29. Total treated, 41. Some of these were able to proceed home later on in the day. Of course, there was some juggling done with convalescent patients. But "that is another story."

The remaining patients are so far progressing favourably.

On Saturday, Col. Lovatt, Chairman of the Board, thanked the Matron and Resident Medical Officers for their well organised arrangements, on behalf of the Board. That their services were appreciated by the sufferers from the accident will be seen by a letter in our correspondence columns.

### The Nurses' Hostel Company.

It is always a mistake to obstruct justifiable demands for progress and reform until they must be accomplished by revolution, and this is practically what happened last year in the conduct of the business of the Nurses' Hostel Company. It is thus that public confidence is shattered, and without it there is little hope of financial success.

In comparing the balance sheet to be presented to the shareholders on Friday, 25th inst., at the Tenth Annual Meeting of the Hostel Company, with that of last year, we observe with regret that the Directors state "The year 1906-7 has in many ways not been a prosperous one," and further "that your directors consider it more prudent this year to pay no dividend."

The Directors of the Hostel Company, like the Bourbons, "have forgotten nothing, and learned nothing in adversity," the whole tone of the report maintaining the attitude assumed last year. The nurses' complaints are still designated "an unfortunate agitation among the nurses . . . against the Company," and there is a reflection upon Miss Hulme, the late Superintendent (who was degraded in office in the best M.A.B. manner), which is inaccurate. The report states that her successor "has proved a most efficient officer." The truth is that most of the reforms suggested during Miss Hulme's term of office have now been adopted, very greatly to the convenience of the residents and no doubt of the Superintendent—one sows and another reaps!

We learn that at "The Nurses' Lodge," 10, Colosseum Terrace, Regent's Park, presided over by Miss Hulme, where her system of courteous consideration for each individual prevails, the house is always full to overflowing with nurses who need and deeply appreciate her homely kindness and keen interest in their business concerns.

### Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) has consented to become a patron of the British Lying-in Hospital, Endell Street, W.C.

A Royal Warrant, dated July 13, has been issued instituting medals to be known as "the King Edward Medal of the First Class" and "the King Edward Medal of the Second Class," to be awarded for "heroic deeds performed by miners and quarrymen and others who endanger their own lives in saving, or endeavouring to save, the lives of others in mines or quarries."

Dealing with the suggestion of Mr. Lloyd George at the Board of Trade inquiry, that the driver of the Shrewsbury express suddenly broke down owing to illness leading to temporary failure of his powers and physical collapse, the *British Medical Journal* says:—"The idea in the mind of the President was clearly that men holding such responsible positions as drivers of express trains and signalmen ought to be subject to periodical inspection. This we have frequently urged in the past, and we sincerely hope that this terrible accident may induce the Government to introduce legislation for the purpose, if the companies will not spontaneously undertake to make the necessary regulations."

The *Deutsche Kolonialzeitung* learns that the International Society of Tropical Medicine has been founded with Sir Patrick Manson, of London, as President, and Professor Nuttall, of Cambridge, as Treasurer. A Committee, consisting of two representatives of each country belonging to the Society, will carry on the business and organisation work of the institution. The countries that have joined hitherto are Great Britain, Germany, Belgium, France, Greece, Holland, and the United States.

A recent paper on the tuberculosis movement in Germany, states that there are at present eighty-seven public sanatoriums with 8,422 beds (5,472 for men, 2,658 for women, and 292 to be used for either sex); thirty-five private sanatoriums with 2,118 beds; seventeen sanatoriums for children with 650 beds; sixty-seven institutions for scrofulous children with 6,092 beds. Eleven sanatoriums with 800 beds are in course of construction. There are ten institutions for special treatment of tuberculosis; two colonies, sixty-seven convalescent homes, 117 bureaux of information and assistance, and ninety committees on tuberculosis.

Earl Cawdor will take the chair at a festival dinner at the Hotel Ritz on Wednesday, November 20th, in aid of the Building Extension Fund of the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street. It is estimated that £30,000 will be required to extend the hospital on its own freehold site, and a balance of £13,250 is still wanted to complete the sum.

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