

sent nursing staff. I cannot withdraw what I said, but I may express my regret that some of my remarks were not reported, because, had they been, a somewhat different complexion would have been given to that which appears now to exist. I said, 'In an experience extending over many years,' etc., etc. Happily, the conditions prevailing at the present time amongst all the staff are very different, and one desires to maintain the improvement, as far as one is able; hence my great ambition is to have all our nurses and indeed all the whole staff on what, in my judgment, is the safest side."

All who have known her, says the *St. George's Hospital Gazette*, will regret that, after many years of arduous and devoted service, Sister Horne has at length been obliged to relinquish her work at the Hospital. For some time past her health has been far from satisfactory, and she has decided to anticipate the normal date of her retirement by a few months in the hope that a prolonged rest may completely restore her; a hope in which her many friends at St. George's sincerely join.

Memorial Glass Windows for Cape Town Cathedral.

There are some beautiful glass windows in which the Reserve and Army Nursing Sisters are much interested, on view at Messrs. Lowndes and Drury, The Glasshouse, Lettice Street, Parson's Green, S.W., from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. next week, from January 11th to 16th.

The windows are for the new Cathedral at Capetown; the subjects were selected by the late Archbishop of Capetown, who gave the order for the windows to Mr. Whall, who superintended the work, but it was designed and carried out entirely by Mr. Karl Parsons. The subjects are taken from the Old and New Testaments. The first window represents the Crossing of the Red Sea, and under it the Baptism of Our Lord; the second The Temptation of Eve, and the Temptation in the Wilderness; the third The Gathering of the Manna, and The Last Supper; and the fourth The Brazen Serpent, and The Crucifixion.

The subjects are reverently drawn, and some of the figures are very beautiful, and the whole of the colouring of the windows is rich and harmonious. The windows look rather dark in their present situation under London's cloudy skies, but in the bright sunshine of South Africa they will look very beautiful.

The Hospital World.

BETHLEM ROYAL HOSPITAL.

In no branch of nursing have greater advances been made than in the care of the insane, and a visit to Bethlem Royal Hospital, S.E., one of the most interesting and ancient of hospitals in the metropolis, affords proof that the patients in that institution receive most kindly care as well as skilled treatment, in comfortable surroundings, and that, so far as is possible under the direction of its distinguished and gifted Physician-Superintendent, ably assisted by the Matron, Miss Meikle, and a staff of Sisters, nurses, and attendants, the lives of the patients suffering from that most terrible disease, insanity, are rendered as pleasant as possible. The fact that Bethlem is primarily intended for the treatment and cure of the insane, and not as a refuge for the hopelessly incurable, relieves it of the most tragic element. Moreover, it fulfils a most useful mission in receiving a class of patients most sincerely to be pitied, those above the class received into the County Asylums, who are not in a position to pay for admission to a private asylum. To clergy, artists, teachers, and members of the educated classes Bethlem is a "city of refuge," and, alas, several nurses even are to be found amongst the patients within its hospitable walls.

I was fortunate enough, on a recent visit to the hospital, to make the acquaintance of the Chaplain, the Reverend E. G. O'Donoghue, who had kindly been invited by the Matron, Miss Meikle, to meet me, and who is a mine of information, as to the history of this institution which, dating back to 1247, is most interesting. To him I am indebted for much of the information of historical interest contained in this article.

Bethlem, like St. Bartholomew's, was originally a religious foundation dating back to 1247, when Simon Fitz-Mary, citizen and Sheriff of London, gave land in Bishopsgate Without for the foundation of the Priory of St. Mary of Bethlehem, and the first Hospital was erected on the site of the present Liverpool Street Station.

This philanthropic citizen was not, however, a *persona grata* with those in high places in the City, for he was twice deprived of his aldermanship for taking part with Henry III. and the populace against the City aristocracy, and for "many other evil and detestable actions."

In 1375 the hospital fell on troublous times, and was "seized" as an alien priory by Edward III., who, shortly afterwards wish-

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