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#### THE CATHOLIC NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

At the first annual meeting of the Catholic Nurses' Association, held in the Club Room, Mountjoy Square, Dublin, the following officers were elected:—

*President*, Miss Barrett (Mater Nurse); *Vice-President*, Miss Spellissy, Matron Verville Private Asylum; *Trustees*, Miss Corless and Miss Spellissy; *Secretary*, Miss M'Loughlin, Lourdes House, Mountjoy Square (who was re-elected).

The rules were submitted and adopted, and the Annual Report presented. It stated that the membership of the Association is now 268.

#### REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

On the occasion of the laying of the foundation-stone of the British Home for Incurables, at Streatham, Lord Strathcona, who performed the ceremony, read a telegraphic message from Queen Alexandra, expressing Her Majesty's sincere and heartfelt thanks to him, and to all those who had contributed to the object, for their generosity.

The Duke of Bedford, President of University College Hospital, has accepted the chairmanship of the special committee for establishing a memorial to Lord Lister, the great surgeon having been a student at that institution.

We are asked by Mr. E. A. Attwood, secretary of the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C., to say that the young women—sometimes in nurse's uniform—who have recently been calling upon supporters of the hospital collecting for a "Cosmopolitan Homœopathic Institute" are in no way connected with the London Homœopathic Hospital.

An anonymous donor has given £500 to the fund for establishing a nurses' home at York as a testimonial to the aged Dean, Dr. Pusey-Cust.

The members of the Board of Guardians of the North Dublin Union have adopted a unique method of retaliating upon the medical profession for "refusing medical assistance to members of friendly societies, and the excessive demand made by them." They have directed the Master of the Union not to permit any dead bodies in his charge

to be sent to the colleges and schools of anatomy. Irishmen evidently believe in suiting the punishment to the offence.

MM. Vishnak and Shub, of Moscow, have sent a donation of 40,000 roubles to the building fund of the Jaffa Hospital, the money to be devoted to the erection of a children's department.

#### THE STRAIN OF MENTAL NURSING.

Miss Ada Mary Gertrude Missenden, formerly Head Night Nurse at an Asylum under the London County Council, pleaded guilty at the recent East Sussex Quarter Sessions at Lewes, to stealing evening gowns from the house of a doctor where she was engaged. It was stated that she had borne a good character for many years, but had given way to drink and drugs. The chairman, in postponing sentence, said that the strain of association with lunatics for a number of years had evidently had a harmful effect upon her.

Whatever may be the cause of her downfall, and all nurses are aware of the strain attendant upon nursing the insane, especially if combined with excessive hours, it is unfortunately true that she is an unfit person to nurse in private houses, and equally so that she will be able to obtain such work with ease, as there is no Register of Trained Nurses from which her name can be removed.

#### A CASE FOR GREAT CARE.

The death of a newly-born child occurred recently at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, under unusual circumstances. At birth, artificial respiration had to be performed; and the Sister was sitting with it on her lap, about a yard from the fire, when she noticed that one of its hands was scorched; she at once applied remedies, and reported the matter to the doctor. The doctor, who gave evidence at the inquest, gave the primary cause of death as insufficient expansion of the lungs, the child never having thrived properly. The circulation was very poor, and a slight injury was sufficient to cause serious results. An ordinary child would not have been injured, under such conditions.

In returning a verdict of accidental death, the jury expressed the opinion there had been some carelessness on the part of the nurse.

#### SYNONYMOUS WITH EXCELLENCE.

The preparations of Messrs. Allen & Hanburys, Ltd., 37, Lombard Street, E.C., are synonymous with excellence; and their milk foods, in three varieties of graded strength, are found invaluable when an infant's natural food is unavailable. The "Allenburys" Diet, a partially predigested milk and wheaten food, is much appreciated by nursing mothers, and their nurses, who find that it increases the flow of milk and conduces to restful sleep in their patients.

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