

tioners of all kinds throughout the country. Any scheme of administration that might be devised, for example, for dealing with venereal diseases, should be so framed that it would develop the abilities of men already in practice, the general practitioners, and make them more efficient for their general functions as the first line of defence of the country. It was quite conceivable that simplicity of administration might tend to a system that would to a great extent ignore the general practitioners; he wished to suggest that that would be, apart from the merits of the question of the actual treatment of venereal diseases, prejudicial to the general public interest.

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The flowers and baskets of fruit received by Queen Amélie at Dudley House from a number of children at the bazaar organised by the Friends of the Poor, were sent by the wish of Queen Mary to the Hospital for Sick Children, at Shadwell—a hospital situated in a very needy neighbourhood, far from the wealthy West End, and therefore not always kept in mind.

The Lord Mayor announces that the amount of money collected in London on Alexandra Day is over £20,000.

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of London paid a visit of inspection to the Cripples Hospital and College at Alton, Hants, on Monday, June 29th.

The "Bythesea" open-air wards, at the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Children, Dyke Road, Brighton, were recently dedicated. The wards—three in number—represent the generosity of Mrs. Bythesea, who has added to her handsome gift with an endowment of £1,000 in memory of her late husband. The wards are extensions of the main building, and are on the three floors—the topmost one, from which a magnificent panoramic view of Brighton and the sea beyond is to be obtained, is for the very tiny patients. The effect of the extension, as viewed from the garden, is very pleasing. Mrs. Bythesea unveiled the tablet, which bore the following inscription: "These open-air wards were erected and endowed in 1913 by Samuel Bythesea, late H.M.'s 31st Regiment, Knight of St. John of Jerusalem, and Mary Prideaux, his wife." Mrs. Bythesea said it was a great privilege to have been able in her life time to give and endow these out-door wards to the memory of her husband. They both loved the children, and she knew that her husband would have been as glad as she was that day. She hoped and believed that the wards would be a joy to the children and to the matron and the nurses, who deserved so much. She concluded by expressing appreciation of the excellent arrangements made by the Committee.

OUTSIDE THE GATES.

WOMEN.

The International Woman Suffrage Alliance Board and Officers meet in London from July 8th to 11th, and Mrs. Chapman Catt from the United States, and many able women whose work is well known over the world will attend. It is also announced that the only woman Senator in the world, Mrs. Helen Ring Robinson, is expected to pay London a visit at an early date. The *Daily Telegraph* gives the following interesting information about her career:—

"She is described as 'a very feminine and charming person, with wavy brown hair and nice blue eyes, and a weakness for rose-coloured dresses.' She is said to be one of the most humorous and tactful of speakers, with 'a voice full of possibilities—clear, rich, quiet, and controlled.' Yet it was this very attractive person who recently intervened in the coal strike war of Colorado, and, at the head of a thousand women voters of Denver, compelled the Governor of Colorado to call in the Federal troops to control the Militia and end the terrible outbreaks in the strike area.

"Mrs. Robinson is a New Englander by birth, but has lived for many years in Colorado. She had been a teacher, a literary critic, and a journalist long before she had political aspirations, and for years she has been identified with all that is best in the social, literary, and public life of her State. She first entered actively into politics rather more than three years ago, as the head of a successful combination of Denver housewives against the renewal of the charter of an unsatisfactory local water company.

"But by far the most remarkable phase in her career has been the part she has taken in the recent strife between the coal miners and mine-owners. *Harper's Weekly* of May 23rd last, says of her: 'The only woman Senator in the United States, already fully tested and a proved honour to her State, still further established her statesmanship during the Colorado civil war. Several times she sought her information at the seat of battle. She talked with the militia and their wives, as well as with the strikers and leaders. Where so many were blinded by hate, she was tolerant. Even when her heart suffered she was calm. When she sympathised most she had the needed scepticism of the investigator.'"

The costume dinner and pageant organized by the Actresses and Women Writers Franchise Leagues, held at the Hotel Cecil on Monday, was a great success. Mrs. Archibald Little as Tzi Ssi An, the late Empress of China, Miss Cicely Hamilton as George Eliot, and Miss May Sinclair as Jane Austen were to the life. The whole thing was an immense success.

The reception to be held by the Society of Women Journalists at Dr. Johnson's beautiful old house in Gough Square, on July 11th, promises to be a delightful function.

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