

glass simile—mutual extinguishment and dislike follow. We need more adaptability so as to be able to reproduce the vibrations of another, for unless we can do this we cannot even know him. As a great psychologist has said: "We should be continually trying to enlarge our receptive capacity. We must become as the white light in which all colours are present, which distorts none because it rejects none, and has in itself the power to answer to each. We may measure our approach to the whiteness by our power of response to the most diverse characters."

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NURSING ECHOES.

Owing to the Meeting of the General Nursing Council on Friday, February 3rd, the Meeting of the National Council of Trained Nurses has been deferred to February 11th, from the 3rd inst., as announced last week.

St. George's Hospital nursing staff handed to the deputy-treasurer last week a draft for £2,046, the result of their sale of work and pound days held last autumn.

This is a splendid gift—the result of much enthusiasm and hard work.

The Central Poor Law Conference will be opened by the Lord Mayor at the Guildhall on February 14th. Delegates are to attend from many of the Poor Law districts in England and Wales, and Sir Alfred Mond, Minister of Health, will speak. We wonder what Mrs. Eustace Lipscombe, of St. Albans, will have to say on the Training of Nurses, and if professional Poor Law Matrons will take a turn in the debate. They should have something to say on the advisability of Poor Law Guardians working up to the Syllabus of the General Nursing Council if they wish to encourage the right type of girl to enter Poor Law Infirmarys in sufficient numbers for training. Many progressive Boards and Matrons are already teaching on the Syllabus.

The governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital have accepted a tender for the building of the first wing of the "Queen Mary's Home for St. Bartholomew's Nurses." The foundation-stone was laid by the Queen on Feb. 17th, 1921, and building operations, which have been deferred owing to high prices, will begin forthwith. The money which has been collected includes the donation of £25,000 from Sir

Edward Stern, in accordance with whose wishes the new wing will be associated with the name of the late Lady Stern. This portion of the home will accommodate 165 nurses, each of whom will have a separate bedroom. It is estimated that a total sum of £250,000 will be required to complete the home. The amount at present in hand is £113,000.

The Mayor (Councillor T. M. Hinde) presided at the annual meeting of the Darlington Queen's Nurses' Association.

A continuance of the association's good work was evidenced in the 30th annual report. It stated that the committee had, during the year, entered into an agreement with the Durham County Council for the nursing of tubercular cases, for which 10d. per visit was paid. Owing to the increase of midwifery cases another nurse had been engaged, bringing the number up to six with the matron. This important work had been much appreciated by the patients. There had been attended 172 of these cases, and 38 names were on the books. The Red Cross and the Society of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem had given a further grant to the association of £100, which had enabled the committee to meet extra expenditure in converting one of the rooms at the Nursing Home into a district room, at a cost of £66, and of additional nursing appliances, which had been obtained on favourable terms from the Government Surplus Supply. During the year 751 cases had been nursed, involving 16,514 visits by the nurses. There had been 48 operations and 91 maternity cases. The income amounted to £1,260 2s. 11d., and there was a balance in hand of £53 6s. 9d., compared with £48 16s. 1d. at the beginning of the year.

In proposing the adoption of the report, the Mayor said that in moving about the town he learned how greatly the services of the Queen's Nurses were appreciated.

No definite clue has been received concerning the missing nurse, Miss Thyra Pound, and her friends are still anxiously awaiting news of her.

The trial of Armand Jeannes, the alleged betrayer of Nurse Cavell, will not begin until March 20th.

In last week's *The Woman's Leader* Miss Evelyn Miller writes on "The Call of the East," and of nursing; she says:—

"Educated girls are wanted in China! This is no fairy tale, but simple, genuine fact. I know it

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