

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Duke of SAXE-COBURG and GOTHA, President of the Charing-Cross Hospital, will attend the triennial festival dinner in aid of the funds of that Hospital to be held on Saturday, May 19th, at the Hôtel Métropole, at which the Duke of CAMBRIDGE is to preside.

HER Royal Highness Princess CHRISTIAN will open the new buildings of The Hospital for Women, Soho Square, on June 1st.

THE Princess LOUISE, Marchioness of Lorne, will open a bazaar in the Queen's Gate Hall on June 1st, in aid of the funds of the Missions to Seamen.

MISS LENA CUNNINGHAM has been appointed, out of 60 candidates, Matron to the beautiful new Hospital, presented, and lately opened, by Mr. PASSMORE EDWARDS, to the town of Falmouth. Miss CUNNINGHAM has lately been Matron of the Brixham Cottage Hospital, and has proved herself an excellent organizer and devoted worker.

MISS ANNIE HARTFORD has been appointed Lady Superintendent to the Infirmary at Tullamore. Miss HARTFORD was trained at Dr. Steven's Hospital, Dublin, where she remained for two and a half years, and was then promoted to be Head Nurse in St. Mark's Ophthalmic Hospital, Dublin, where she did excellent work for five years. Miss ANNIE HARTFORD was elected to the position of Lady Superintendent of the Tullamore Infirmary upon the resignation of her sister, Miss ROSA HARTFORD, who leaves to be married, and who was lately presented, from the medical and nursing staffs, with an address and a beautiful afternoon tea service. It is interesting to remark that these ladies belong to a quartette of sisters, all trained Nurses, and all holding honourable positions in their profession.

MISS HAMILTON has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Queen's Road, Chelsea. Miss HAMILTON was trained in the Nightingale School in connection with St. Thomas's Hospital, and has lately held the position of Assistant-Matron to that Institution. The competition for this post was very keen, and Miss HAMILTON is to be congratulated upon her appointment to this responsible position.

MISS L. GAVED-WILLS has been appointed Charge Nurse of the Female Wards of St. Peter's Hospital for Stone, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden. Miss

WILLS was trained at the South Devon Hospital, Plymouth, upon the staff of which she has worked for eight years—an honourable record worthy of promotion. Miss GAVED-WILLS is a Registered Nurse, and a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

MISS MIRIAM BYWATER, recently appointed Matron of the Throat Hospital, writes that she was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, not at King's College Hospital as stated in our issue of the 21st inst.

THE Lady Mayoress has accepted the Presidency of the Conference of Ladies on Domestic Hygiene, to be held in connection with the Congress which is being organized by the Sanitary Institute of London.

DR. THOMAS STEVENSON, F.R.C.P., Scientific Analyst to the Home Office, has consented to act as President of Section III. of this Congress:—"Chemistry, Meteorology and Geology."

DR. EDWARD KLEIN, F.R.S., has consented to act as President of Section I.—"Sanitary Science and Preventive Medicine."

LADY MEATH has addressed the following letter to the press, showing the urgent need of trained workhouse attendants:—

"It is possible that some of your readers may remember that last autumn it was proposed to start an Association to provide trained attendants for the aged in workhouses. Several lady Guardians, and amongst them Louisa Twining, gave in their names as willing to serve on the Committee. If any necessity existed to prove that such an Association were needed, it could be found in a paragraph which appeared in a medical journal not long since. It states that out of 335 female occupants of the workhouse only 29 were able-bodied, while 65 were over 80 years of age, 96 were crippled, and 10 blind. To look after these poor infirm creatures was one labour mistress, who ought to have had the power of multiplying herself at least 12 times over in order to fulfil her duties properly. The comments of a newly-appointed Master to the Workhouse respecting this state of affairs were, "To look after this number of women you have one officer. . . . Such an accumulation of duties makes it impossible for this officer to keep these women clean and wholesome. You are running the risk of a coroner's inquest through having extremely feeble women in a department in which they cannot receive proper attention." Strange that such a lamentable state of affairs could be permitted.

My object in writing to-day is not just to remind the public that workhouses are not by any means all of them model institutions, and that reforms are urgently needed, but I especially wish to inform your readers that an Association is now quite prepared to receive the names of those who are willing to train as workhouse attendants. An application has already been made for such an official, with the offer of a salary of £23 a year. We are anxious to find thoroughly trustworthy women, who could be depended on to perform their duties conscientiously. The recommendations of fit persons from clergymen, ministers, parish workers, &c., would be gratefully received, but any women with high testimonials as to characters may apply. Letters should be addressed to our hon. secretary, Miss Lee, 20, Bryanston Street, Portman Square."

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