

1,070—and she only left when the Camp was closed. In 1886 she was appointed Matron at the Eastern Fever Hospital, at Homerton, and in the following year was selected from a large number of leading Matrons to fill the most honourable position in her profession, and in which she has done much to advance the cause of nursing the sick, and the position of Nurses.

The Nursing School attached to St. Bartholomew's Hospital was founded in 1877, and had been steadily growing year by year, moving rapidly with the times. It was the first Metropolitan Nursing School to inaugurate a three years' curriculum for its pupil Nurses, of consecutive training in its Wards, in which all were equal, in which a definite course of education was prescribed, and by which those who attained to its high standard were awarded a Certificate, the Nurse who gained the first place being awarded a Gold Medal—a system which, in future, will probably be adopted by all leading Training Schools. Although much had been done in the previous ten years, in 1887, when Miss Stewart was appointed Matron, much remained to be achieved; every year, as the requirements of modern science claimed further advances, improvements have been continuously made, each step in advance bringing the system nearer to the consummation of that perfect organization in the training and status of Nurses dear to the heart of every Nurse of educated and liberal views.

Miss Isla Stewart is a woman of peculiarly sympathetic nature—kindly, generous, widely liberal, intolerant only of small and petty things. She has studied deeply, both from books and human nature, and is, therefore, particularly fitted to hold the position she does during the period of inevitable change in Nurse training. The transition from the old to the new order of things must take place, and such women guide the flood of progress into new and ready channels, and the obstruction of ignorance is swept away.

Greatly as Miss Stewart has considered the well-being of the individual Nurses under her charge—for in no Hospital is their comfort more studied than at St. Bartholomew's—her influence and interest in Nurses have been used in a wider field. In 1887 she was one of the Matrons who threw all their energies into the foundation of the British Nurses' Association, and who did much to organize it on its wide and liberal basis; and she has ever since been an enthusiastic and energetic member of its Executive Committee, and has a seat on most of the professional Sub-Committees of the Corporation. Miss Isla Stewart believes in her sex, and, like others who possess this faith, is doing much to impress the importance of woman's work and woman's influence upon the world in general.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Prince of WALES will open the new Battersea Polytechnic in January next. He laid the foundation stone of this Institute in July, 1891.

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THE sum of money presented to the Princess MAY on her marriage by officers of all branches of the Army, amounting to nearly £1,600, is now being given by Her Royal Highness to the Cambridge Asylum as a separate fund, to be known as "The Presentation from H.R.H. the Duchess of York of her wedding gift from Officers of the Army." The Hon. Secretary has received the following message: "It is with very sincere gratitude that I offer through you to the officers of the Army, past and present, my best and warmest thanks for the munificent gift you and they have enabled me to present to the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows, instituted in memory of my grandfather, the late Duke of CAMBRIDGE. Be assured that I am deeply touched by the kind manner in which so many have responded to your appeal, and that no present could have given me greater pleasure.—VICTORIA MARY."

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THE Duke of FIFE has consented to preside at the thirtieth anniversary banquet of the Home for Little Boys, Farningham and Swanley, at the Whitehall-rooms of the Hôtel Métropole, on Saturday, March 3.

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QUEEN VICTORIA'S JUBILEE INSTITUTE FOR NURSES.—Her Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve the following names being added to the Queen's Roll of the above Institute for Nursing the Sick Poor in their own homes:—

ENGLAND.

Superintendent:—Ada Jennings, Torquay.
Nurses:—Elizabeth Macintosh, Woolwich; Ellen Dixon, Portsmouth; Elizabeth Hill, Liverpool; Sarah B. Caldwell, Liverpool; Isabella C. Graham, Liverpool; Maude M. Wray, Liverpool; Elizabeth Shackelford, Liverpool; Elizabeth Gelletly, Liverpool; Margaret Roberts, Liverpool; Elizabeth A. Daniels, East London; Amy Whitaker, Torquay; Margaret Carrick, Torquay; Annie Peterken, Bridgwater; Annie Lunn, Northampton; Helen B. Walker, Northampton; Maria Bayes, Salford; Mary E. Smith, Salford; Harriet A. Barber, Salford; Edith Knight, Gateshead; Hannah M. Roberts, Bramley; Charlotte S. Cooke, Louth; Hannah Lloyd, Kettering; Bertha Garnham, Ryde; Amy

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