

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR



MISS MARY E. F. PIGGOTT has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, at Edinburgh. Miss PIGGOTT was trained at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, 1877 to 1882; was Matron of the Northern Hospital, Liverpool, from 1882 to 1886, since which date she has been Matron of the Victoria

Hospital, Burnley, where, we are informed, she proved a most efficient officer, and that a large measure of the success which has attended that valuable Institution is due to her. Miss PIGGOTT is a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a member of its Council, and is a Registered Nurse.

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MISS A. MAUD JONES has lately been appointed Night Superintendent of the Victoria Hospital, Burnley. We regret that a mistake was made in this lady's name in a former issue.

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MISS LENA CUNNINGHAM, Matron of the New Falmouth Hospital, is about to resign her position upon her approaching marriage. This Hospital is a charming building, and is beautifully furnished in the most efficient manner for the comfort and well-being of the inmates.

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THE Scottish Needlework Guild exists as a most useful auxiliary to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Institute for the Nursing of the Sick Poor at Home; and we are glad to learn it has extended its branches into every county of Scotland. At a recent meeting of the Aberdeenshire Branch, Mrs. LUMSDEN (Balmadie), Hon. Sec., announced that nearly 1,000 articles of clothing, bedding, etc., had been received for distribution.

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THE British Home for Incurables, opened last July by the Princess of WALES, in connection with which a sum exceeding £7,000 was received towards the funds, has now 53 inmates, eleven having been elected at the recent half-yearly general meeting. The Home is supposed to accommodate seventy in-patients, but the furnishing of some of the rooms is not yet complete, owing to lack of money. The Home is intended for those who once having been in a position of comfort, are now in necessitous circumstances, and so far incapacitated by incurable disease as to be unable to assist themselves, and are either bed-ridden or greatly dependent on others in the various offices of life. The Home provides medical attend-

ance, good nursing, and the comforts of a home. There are no sect distinctions. Those only partially disabled, and living with friends, are granted annuities of £20.

The National Health Society.

53, BERNERS STREET, OXFORD STREET, LONDON, W.



On Wednesday, November 7th, Sister Katharine delivered the first lecture of the course on "Sick Nursing," to be held at 83, Lancaster Gate. The spacious room, so kindly lent by the Earl of Meath, was filled to the utmost; indeed, though preparations had been made for a large audience, the accommodation of seats, etc., scarcely proved sufficient, so that further provision is being made for the remaining lectures of the course. The popularity of Sister Katharine as a lecturer has been long established, so that success is always to be looked for when her name appears. Many ladies have taken advantage of the reduced fees for ladies' maids, etc., to send their nurses and other maids.

New editions have lately been issued of several of the publications of the Society. Dr. Gell's "First Aid to the Injured" has again been reprinted, the enormous sale of this little pamphlet speaking for itself of the increasing favour with which it is regarded by all who are at all interested in the study of First Aid. Miss Kenealy's "Care of the Sick" has also run into a fourth edition, which is very satisfactory, as the pamphlet has been published for little over a year, while several of the older publications ("Nursing Rules," "How to be Strong and Beautiful," etc.) have been reprinted. The Society is now publishing a complete edition of all its pamphlets bound together in one volume, which, it is thought, will prove highly useful for reading at Mothers' Meetings, etc., etc., while it forms a very compact and neat book, suitable for gifts.

Miss Dunbar has completed her course of lectures at Chatham, and reports that the number attending the classes was completely doubled between the first and final lessons, which speaks very well for the popularity of the course.

Miss Belcher has started work at Abingdon, and was met at her first lecture by an audience of 200. This lecturer is also meeting with great success at Brentwood and Bentley Hill, where she is lecturing; while she has now undertaken a further course on Nursing at Epping.

The demand for lecturers from the County Councils during the present season has been in excess of that of any previous year; indeed, it has been somewhat difficult for the Society to meet all the applications received, employing as it does only thoroughly trained and qualified lecturers. It is, however, particularly pleasing to record this increasing demand, as it testifies to the appreciation of the Councils for the work done; old centres being revisited as well as new ones formed.

The Examination of Mrs. Dickson's class, at Erith, passed off most successfully on November 7th. Miss Macdonald, M.D., who undertook the examining work, has written a most satisfactory report on the work done by the candidates. Speaking in the highest terms of the manner in which the teaching must have been conducted, she concluded her remarks by saying that in the event of sudden illness or accident she herself could not wish to fall into abler hands than those of some of these candidates. It is hoped that the success of these candidates will encourage others to face the ordeal of an examination when next the Society sends an examiner to Erith, as many promising candidates lost courage at the last, and failed to put in an appearance at the examination.

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