

at the end of the first or second year of training, but only those who complete the full period of three years, and pass the prescribed Examinations are granted certificates.

The system by which a Probationer may honourably withdraw after a term of training offers an admirable opportunity to young women who desire to have some Hospital experience, in order to qualify them for home Nursing, and for wife- and mother-hood. But of course the Hospital is quite right not to grant certificates to those who have not gone through the full prescribed course.

THE *Glasgow Evening News* says that "A more impressive ceremony than the funeral of Nurse Shaw of the Royal Infirmary, has seldom been seen in the city. Every available Nurse, Matron and Doctor attended, among them, Mrs. Strong, Matron of the Infirmary. The parents of the Nurse, with Dr. Thomas and her sister-Nurses lowered the remains into the grave in the Necropolis, and in the large company there was not an eye but was moistened with sympathetic tears."

THE Mullingar Board of Guardians some time since had before them three applicants for the position of night Nurse in the Infirmary. When it was stated that two of these candidates were only midwives, and had no training in Nursing, the Guardians very properly refused to consider their applications, and appointed a properly trained Nurse.

THE Derry Board of Guardians on a recent occasion did not show the sense of fun usual in Irishmen. When a communication was read from the Local Government Board, pointing out that there were no bonds given as security for the porter, the Infirmary Nurse and others, it seemed the explanation as to the porter was that he had no valuables in his possession.

The Chairman asked what valuables had the Fever Hospital Nurse.

Dr. Davis said she had sheets, blankets, and bedding.

Mr. Henry thought a woman who had been in the Workhouse for forty years need hardly be required to give a bond now.

A long discussion then ensued. But it would have been a simple matter for the Guardians to guarantee the honesty of a woman who had been in their employment for forty years.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE QUEEN has sent a present of game for the patients and Nursing staff of the Middlesex Hospital. Her Majesty has sent similar gifts to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, University College Hospital, and the London Hospital.

The Duke of Connaught will open two of the at present closed wards of St. Thomas's Hospital on February 21st.

The Princess of Wales has consented to open a bazaar in aid of the work of the Hackney and East Middlesex Band of Hope Union.

H.R.H. the Duke of York has graciously consented to take the chair at a festival dinner in aid of the funds of the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, Bagshot, for necessitous boys and girls.

The Duke of York has fixed February 29th as the date for the festival dinner to be held in aid of the funds of the Victoria Hospital for Children, when his Royal Highness will take the chair.

The Archbishop of Canterbury has consented to pre- side at this year's anniversary festival of the Printers' Pension, Almshouse, and Orphan Asylum Corporation. The date and place are not yet announced.

Arrangements have been made at Toynbee Hall for a course of free Sunday evening lectures on "Some Great Men of the Nineteenth Century." "John Bright," by Canon Barker; "Carlyle," by Mr. Augustine Birrell, Q.C., M.P.; "Mazzini," by Canon Barnett; "Darwin," by Mr. Henry Cunynghame; "Huxley," by Dr. J. W. Gregory; "John Dalton," by Sir Henry Roscoe, are a few of the great names in the list. The first lecture was given on Sunday last, by Canon Barker. Nurses should find this series of lectures most interesting. It is well sometimes to get away from "shop," and seek mental refreshment in the world of large men and things.

At a largely-attended special meeting of the Charity Organisation Society, held on Monday afternoon at the Hotel Victoria, a paper was read by Lieutenant-Colonel Montefiore, secretary of the medical and convalescent sub-committee of the Society, on "Some Features of Hospital Finance," with special reference to the formation of a central Hospital Board for London. The chair was taken by Mr. Thomas Bryant, consulting surgeon at Guy's Hospital. Colonel Montefiore contended that to render the charities of London as useful as they should be, more co-operation was needed amongst them. It will be remembered that the Select Committee of the House of Lords, during their investigation into the management of the

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