

and irritating foods, temperance in stimulating solids or liquids, and, above all, regularity in meals.

CELLULOID IN HEAD SURGERY.

A NEW YORK surgeon has lately made use of celluloid plates to supply deficiencies in the skull after accidents or operation. Many other substances have been tried from time to time, such as gold foil, silver, aluminium, gutta-percha, &c., but celluloid is the latest. Considering the extreme inflammability of celluloid, it is probable that many medical men will feel some hesitation in using it. It would be something more than embarrassing to a patient with a piece of celluloid in his skull, if the plate suddenly exploded and burnt up because his head came near a lighted candle. However, in the cases reported it appears to have answered very well.

PRINCESS AND PHYSICIAN.

IN Vienna, there is at the present time an Armenian Princess, named Beglarion, who, although only twenty-six years old, is a doctor of medicine. Her story is a curious one; it seems that when she was a young girl the present of the picture of a wounded soldier, whose grateful eyes rested on the Nurse bandaging his wound, so moved her fancy that she determined to become a Nurse. Educated at the grammar school at Tiflis, she went a step further and became a medical student. In 1892, although unqualified, the Russian doctors allowed her to work in the cholera hospitals, and there she did excellent service. Her father is wealthy, and the Princess, it is stated, intends building a Hospital upon his estate, becoming, we presume, the acting Physician to the Institution herself. It is interesting to observe how the medical woman movement has spread even into Armenia. It naturally represents the same wave of unrest which has, during the last twenty years, shown itself amongst women in every part of Europe and America—the desire to do something useful in their lives, instead of moping melancholy at home, or wasting time and money in frivolous and useless occupations outside their family circle. That the movement has been of the greatest benefit to the world at large as well as to women individually, is amply proved by the improvement in nursing matters which it has brought about.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE QUEEN has promised to contribute the sum of £50 towards the extension and improvement fund of Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, Marylebone.

The Earl of Crewe has received a communication stating that Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, who has consented to open a bazaar in aid of the Endowment Fund of the Crewe Memorial Hospital, will arrive in Crewe on the evening of Wednesday, August 5th. Her Royal Highness will stay the night at Crewe Hall, where Lord Crewe will entertain a large party. The following day Princess Louise will open the bazaar in the Park grounds.

The Duke and Duchess of York on Saturday were presented with an address by the Mayor of Halifax at the Town Hall, and entertained at luncheon at the Bellevue. The Duke afterwards opened the new Infirmary and the new market. At all three places his Royal Highness made short speeches.

Princess Christian last Saturday presented certificates and medallions to the St. John's Ambulance class of Windsor and Slough. Lord Emlyn, chairman of the Great Western Railway Company, said 2,480 out of the 60,000 men on the line had passed examination, and had been instrumental in giving first aid, and perhaps in saving life in 1,710 cases.

The Council of the Animals' Hospital and Institute, which was established in memory of Sir Henry Hawkins' famous dog "Jack," for the purpose of providing free treatment of their animals to the poor, propose holding a competition with the object of showing improvements in the Röntgen X Rays as applied to the diagnosis of lameness and disease in the human subject or the lower animals. There are a good many animals under treatment in the Hospital.

The Asylums Committee of the London County Council has charge of 12,866 lunatics, and these are added to at the rate of about 600 per annum.

The charming appearance of the Nurses belonging to the St. John's Ambulance Brigade, who were on duty in the crowded streets on the occasion of the Royal Wedding, was much commented on. They, and the stretcher parties, were kept very busy attending to large numbers of fainting persons, sufferers from epileptic seizures, and one or two cases of fracture. If the tropical heat of the preceding days had been kept up, the Royal Wedding would have been the scene of much and serious illness. But the comparatively cool day prevented too much demand on Ambulance workers, although these were quite sufficiently busy. It is only right that the public should know that the services so freely given by this Corps are quite voluntary, many of the men forfeiting a day's pay to render services of "First Aid."

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