

wisdom, and we hope she not only obtained "reasons" but a month's salary, and the equivalent of board and lodging for the same period. Dismissal from public institutions without "reasons" should always be contested by those summarily discharged.

DR. SMYTH is still urging the abolition of the indefensible system which he terms the "Pauper Nursing Abomination." As an instance that reform is imperatively needed, we quote the statement of the *Leinster Leader*, that in the Naas Infirmary, which has been instanced by Dr. Smyth as an example of one of the best managed institutions in which pauper nursing is used, that "degraded sots are sometimes set to the performance of duties which come within the scope of a refined and skilled nurse." Dr. Smyth also quotes the official police record in proof of the fact that against one who acted in this Infirmary as a principal "assistant nurse" not long since, there are 88 convictions, and further, that he is returned as "committed to Carlow Lunatic Asylum on April 16th, 1894, for trying to commit suicide." When an institution which "holds a place amongst the foremost" is nursed by "broken-down loafers and criminal lunatics," we think it is time that public attention should be drawn to the fact.

It is interesting to notice, in connection with the strong caste, and religious prejudices which prevail in India, the effect, which coming into contact with western manners and customs, has upon the native women. At the Jamsetji Hospital, Bombay, five nurses sit down at the same table; of these one is a Parsee, another a Beni-Israelite, a third a Hindu, while the remaining two belong respectively to the Roman Catholic and Anglican branches of the Christian Church.

THE Ceylon Nurses' Association is increasing the scope of its work by the addition of another nurse to the staff. Additional rooms are being erected at the Nurses' Bungalow, at Hatton, which will provide accommodation for a resident matron, and also for a private ward.

WE understand that in Zanzibar, there are not a great many children born of Swahili parents, and the advent of one is an event which is much appreciated. One day one of the "boys" at the Universities' Mission Hospital (who had married one of the native nurses), arrived beaming. There could be no mistake what had happened, "Well, Tomaso," said one of the nurses, "which is it, a boy or a girl?" Tomaso, smiling even more widely, said, "Boys and girls." He was the happy father of twins!

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE PRINCE OF WALES has approved a design for two stamps of the value of 1s. and 2s. 6d. respectively, by the purchase of which people of all classes, may, with a minimum amount of trouble, become subscribers to His Royal Highness' Hospital Fund. The design of the stamps, it is stated, is artistic and beautiful, so that apart from their especial purpose, they are expected to excite great interest among relic lovers. The issue of these stamps will be strictly limited, and no re-issue will be made. The credit of the suggestion is due to our energetic contemporary, the *Daily Mail*.

On his quitting the chair of the London County Council, Sir Arthur Arnold sent to the Prince of Wales his resignation of his position on the council of the Hospital Fund, and has received the following reply:—

"Marlborough House, Pall-mall, S.W.,
March 23rd, 1897.

DEAR SIR ARTHUR ARNOLD,—The Prince of Wales desires me to say that, although you are no longer the Chairman of the London County Council, it would give him much pleasure, as you were connected with the start of the movement, if you would have the goodness to consent to remain on the General Council of the London Hospital Fund until the end of the present year.

Believe me yours very truly,
FRANCIS KNOLLYS."

At the request of the Prince of Wales, Dr. Collins, the Chairman of the London County Council, has joined the general council of the Hospital Fund.

The Rev. Dr. Wace, who retires at Easter from the chairmanship of King's College Hospital, has been presented with an antique silver bowl and four silver candlesticks, subscribed for by the members of the committee, the medical and surgical staff, the resident medical officers, and sisters, as an expression of their high appreciation of the zeal and devotion with which he promoted the highest interests of the hospital during his chairmanship of more than ten years. The presentation was made in the board-room of the hospital by the treasurer, Mr. Richard Twining, in the presence of a large gathering of friends. Viscount Dillon will succeed Dr. Wace as chairman of the hospital.

The annual meeting of the Great Northern Central Hospital was recently held at that institution, under the presidency of Mr. C. T. Murdock, M.P. It was stated that the strain upon the accommodation for in-patients had now become so severe that the committee considered that the opening of the unused wards could no longer be delayed if the hospital was to cope adequately with the needs of North London. There was an increase in the number of in-patients of 55 over the preceding year, and of out-patients of 2,952.

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