

with whom alone he was brought in contact, to be especially gentle and kind, I have no doubt that the latter statement is as absolutely without foundation as the former.

Yours truly,
M. ARDEN MESSITER.

Charlton House, Dudley.

NURSE HARRIET DYE has been presented by the Committee of the King's Lynn Nursing Fund with a purse containing £7 2s. 6d., and an illuminated address inscribed as follows:—

"Presented to Nurse Harriet Dye by the Committee of the King's Lynn Nurses' Fund, with a purse of money subscribed by 29 friends as some mark of appreciation of the valuable services rendered by her during her five years' connection as nurse to the society. The Committee fully endorse the following testimonial of one of the medical practitioners of Lynn: 'Nurse Dye has been most indefatigable, and for care, skill, and attention, cannot be excelled. There are numbers of poor people who owe their lives to her nursing.' Signed on behalf of the Committee: Eve Cresswell, President; Ellen Stanton, Secretary; George W. Page, Treasurer. King's Lynn, May, 1897."

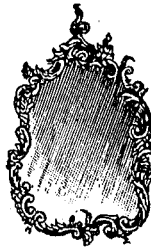
The Hospital World.

The report of the Poplar Hospital for Accidents is like everything else that emanates from Mr. Sydney Holland, vigorous, to the point, and eminently practical. Besides this, it is very pleasant reading, and in many ways, in our opinion, a model of what such a report should be. The balance sheet shows most clearly the income and expenditure of the hospital, and the various sources of the revenues of the hospital, as well as the expenses of the several departments. Mr. Holland holds that "the main object of the hospital" is to bring the *best* surgery, and the *best* nursing to the class of men who are in no sense paupers, but who nevertheless cannot afford those advantages which are enjoyed by those who are better off." In order to limit to some small extent the number of out-patients, a charge of 2d. is made, with certain exceptions, these exceptions showing that no one is hardly used, or applies for treatment in vain.

The Committee are at present appealing for £900 to build sisters' rooms off the wards, also for £300 for a small chapel, where the Holy Communion may be celebrated for those nurses who cannot leave the hospital, and where it is proposed to hold a short service on Wednesday evenings. The Hon. Chaplain, the Rev. A. N. Campbell, has promised substantial help towards the small sum required for the chapel, and it is hoped that the necessary amount will, by the generosity of some benefactor, soon be forthcoming. The Committee also ask for convalescent letters, old linen, game, illustrated papers, books for the nurses' library, toys, and clothes. Mr. Sydney Holland adds, "We will gladly send a porter anywhere to fetch away a parcel of old clothes." We hope that many persons in their "spring cleaning" will remember this excellent charity.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE TREASURER of Guy's Hospital has received £10,000 from the trustees of the late Mr. William Andrew Guesdon towards the half million sterling required for the completion of Guy's Re-endowment Fund, which now stands at £194,000.

A drawing-room meeting of the supporters of the American Jubilee Memorial Fund was recently held at the residence of Colonel and Mrs. Ralph Vivian, in Grosvenor Square, when it was announced by the chairman, Mr. R. Newton Crane, that Mrs. Ralph Vivian's proposal to endow American cots in London hospitals had been warmly received. The belief was expressed that when the existence of the movement became more generally known amongst Americans a sum far exceeding the £5,000 originally asked for would be forthcoming. Those present at the meeting included Lady Randolph Churchill, Lady Harcourt, Miss Antoinette Sterling, Admiral Kinaham, Miss Genevieve Ward, and many other well-known ladies and gentlemen.

The subscriptions to the New Royal Infirmary Fund at Newcastle now exceed £90,000.

A new cholera hospital has been built by the Cardiff Corporation on Flat Holm, an island in the Bristol Channel. Visitors to Cardiff and to Weston-super-Mare will remember that the Steep and the Flat Holms are two small islands lying out in the Channel about midway between the English and the Welsh coast. They are characteristic features in the view on both sides of the Channel, besides being, from their fortifications and the lighthouse on the Flat Holm, objects of much interest to those who are able to visit them. Those who have done so will realise, from the difficulty they experience in achieving a visit to these islands, that a more isolated spot for a cholera hospital could hardly have been found. The hospital buildings, says the *Western Mail*, consist of a ward pavilion and a laundry block. The pavilion contains two wards, each 36ft. long, 24ft. wide, and 14ft. 6in. high, providing together accommodation for twelve patients. The buildings, which are splendidly fitted up, are substantially constructed of local stone, quarried on the island. There has also been erected a crematorium for disposing of the bodies of any patients who may die of cholera. The hospital has been erected to provide for the patients of the Barry as well as the Cardiff port sanitary districts. The whole of the work has been carried out by Messrs. Cadwallader & Hockridge, of Cardiff, from the designs and specifications of the borough engineer, Mr. W. Harpur, M. Inst. C. E. The cost of the work was nearly £3,000.

The Ormskirk Dispensary is this year celebrating its centenary. It is proposed to mark the event by the extension of the administration portion of the Cottage Hospital with which the dispensary is now combined, and to establish a Nurses' Institute. The proceeds derived from the reading of the Christmas Carol at the Imperial Institute by Mr. Bancroft on behalf of the Colonial Nurses' Association have enabled him to hand over the sum of £250 to the Association.

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