

Mrs. Creighton also reminded her hearers that women-doctors even now were to a great extent pioneers, and that, therefore, a special responsibility devolved upon them, and urged them to follow, equally nobly, those who had gone before them. They must also remember that if amongst the medical profession were some of the noblest men, there were also some who were debased lower than any others. It would be a terrible thing if they, as women, debased their profession. She said also that it was sometimes said, and she believed with truth, that women had so far done comparatively little to advance knowledge, because they were not sufficiently careful, plodding students. Women could not help hoping that some of the discoveries in the future would be made by women. She concluded by saying that the training which the students were now receiving was to equip their whole nature for facing the problems of the future, and reminded them that the Great Physician Himself helped those who came to Him, more by what He was, than by His prescriptions.

### Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Court of Common Council of the City of London have recently granted a donation of £105 towards the funds of the German Hospital, Dalston.

The Clapham Maternity Hospital, and affiliated institutions, has during the past year attended 1,168 maternity cases, 355 being in-patients at the Jeffreys Road Hospital, and 813 out-patients at Clapham and Battersea, besides 5,025 ordinary new patients, whose attendances at the three dispensaries number 15,666. All the work is under the supervision of Dr. Annie McCall, the Director of the Clapham School of Midwifery. Fifty-one students of midwifery, and fifty-two monthly nurses have received training of not less than three months each during the past year.

The Staffordshire Institution for Nurses is able to show a good record of work during the past year. The number of cases nursed by the private nurses has been 738. Of these 718 have been cases at full terms, 9 have been taken at reduced fees, while 11 have been nursed gratuitously. The earnings of the nurses amounted to £4,800 3s. 8d. Besides the private nurses there are 22 district nurses on the staff, and 22 probationers. The district work is not, we are told, fully remunerative, and the deficiency, which amounted to about £90, was met out of the general and subscription fund. The sum of £332 from last year's balance was divided amongst the nurses in the way of bonus in February last. The institution is happy in having as its lady superintendent Miss Mary Shirley,

who has held this position since 1883, and the Committee recognise that it is owing to her wise administration and watchful care that the institution has attained the good report it enjoys wherever its nurses are employed.

The Committee of the Newcastle Infirmary are to be congratulated on having raised the £100,000 for which they asked, before Jubilee Day, the actual amount at present subscribed or promised being £100,379 16s. 8d. It is estimated that the administrative block will cost from £15,000 to £20,000 beyond the amount already subscribed.

The new Gartloch Lunatic Asylum and Hospital has been recently opened for patients. The asylum and hospital are entirely separate. The former contains accommodation for about 380 patients, the latter for 140. Besides the ordinary wards the hospital contains observation wards for physically ailing inmates, for those requiring special nursing by reason of old age and infirmity, and for those suffering from infectious diseases.

Mr. W. P. Hartley, of Aintree, will erect for Colne a cottage hospital, at a cost of £3,000, and an endowment of £3,000 will be subscribed by the town.

The Dublin Sanitary Association is doing good work—in educating public opinion upon sanitary matters, in directing the attention of the authorities and the public to any (if any) points in which the existing powers for maintenance of the sanitary condition of the city are either not duly exercised or are inadequate, in watching the course of sanitary legislation on behalf of the public, and in providing its members, at a moderate cost, with such advice and supervision as shall ensure the proper sanitary condition of their own dwellings, and in enabling them to procure practical advice as to the best means of remedying defects in houses of the poorer classes in which they are interested.

Dr. Moore, in his presidential address, recently stated that the Dublin Sanitary Association had in the past quarter of a century exercised a far-reaching influence on the history of sanitary reform and progress in Dublin and its suburbs.

A leper colony is about to be formed in the neighbourhood of Zanzibar town, under Dr. A. H. Spurrier, recently medical officer to the Eastern Telegraph Company in Zanzibar. Dr. Koch, who has recently visited the island, has given many valuable suggestions as to the management of the colony. Those who know Dr. Spurrier will feel confident that the direction of the colony could not be in better hands, whilst all must admire his self-sacrifice and courage in undertaking this important, but repulsive work.

The Cape Town Parliament has voted £25,000 as a Jubilee memorial, to be expended upon hospitals and kindred institutions.

At recent public meetings it was decided to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee by enlarging the ward for infectious diseases at the Victoria Hospital, Cairo, and to build a new house for the Victoria Home for Governesses and Nurses at Alexandria. Both these institutions were originated in 1887.

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