

was adopted by which the present system of nursing the sick poor in their homes will be extended and rendered more efficient, the institution having charge of the work to be called the Queen Victoria District Nursing Institution. The Committee to manage this women's work, in honour of a woman, was duly elected, and were, of course, all men—we observe however that the lady superintendents of the districts are to be requested to nominate two members—we hope therefore that they will nominate members of the sex to which Her Majesty the Queen belongs, and who presumably will have some personal experience of the work of nursing.

A MEETING of the subscribers of the Jubilee Entertainment and Nursing Funds was recently held at Lincoln, with the object of appointing trustees for the Nursing Fund. Five trustees were appointed, and a resolution was proposed and adopted that six or seven members should be elected in the future by public bodies instead of only five. The Nursing Fund now amounts to £4814 15s. 9d.

THE removal of the patients from the present General Hospital, Birmingham, to the beautiful new building, has been proceeding during the past week. The very greatest care has been exercised in the performance of this difficult duty, both with regard to the condition of the patients, and to their liability to chill during the transit. It may be hoped, therefore, that the move may be accomplished without any ill results ensuing.

IN quoting the NURSING RECORD'S views on the legal registration of Nurses, the *Trained Nurse* says: "Our American Nurses are using every effort to bring about this desired legislation, and we have reason to believe that their efforts will show material results in the near future." Good!

IT is extremely interesting to us to watch the gathering of forces in the States to fight the great battle of nursing reform. Ten years in the thick of the fight at home, with seemingly but little accomplished, although in reality much has been done in educating the public mind on this question, arouses all our sympathies for the little band of conscientious superintendents of training schools who have put their hands to the plough, and who will have to encounter many strong places and uproot the rank tares of prejudice before sowing the good seed of organization with any hope of a fruitful harvest, but in their own expressive language they have just got to keep "right on," and we feel sure there are many amongst them who will bravely bear "the burden and heat of the day."

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



AS we go to press, we learn that Mr. Victor Horsley has been elected to the vacant office of Direct Representative on the General Medical Council by a majority of about six hundred over Sir Walter Foster, M.P., on the heaviest poll yet recorded.

On behalf of her Majesty the Queen, Sir Fleetwood Edwards has forwarded to the Rev. A. W. Hill a donation of £100 towards the funds of the Winchester Diocesan Society for promoting Church Work of the various guilds in the diocese.

The Health Committee has unanimously recommended the Battersea Vestry to appoint a woman inspector of workshops and laundries. It is necessary that candidates should possess the certificate of the Sanitary Institute. The appointment carries with it a salary of £101 per annum.

The Lambeth Vestry have received a letter from a firm of solicitors announcing that a client of theirs, who desired that his name should not be disclosed, is willing to contribute the sum of ten thousand pounds towards the cost of establishing a general hospital in South London, on certain stated conditions, making suggestions as to the control and administration of such hospital; and stating that should the offer be accepted, the donor would be willing to enter into such an agreement that his executors would be justified in carrying out his wishes in the event of his death. A committee has been formed for the purpose of considering the offer. It is to be hoped that before any new hospital is built, that an endowment fund will be forthcoming.

The Parks Committee of the London County Council have recommended that the river frontage of Battersea Park shall be reconstructed at a cost of £43,000.

At the autumn meeting of the Women's Total Abstinence Union, in Bristol, Mrs. Vause (London), made an appalling statement. She observed that for years they had been trying to save the drunken man and drunken woman, but she suggested that they should try if they could to save the drunken child. It was a fearful statement to make, but hundreds of little children in the courts and slums went to bed drunk every night. There were also in this land drunken babes—babes drunk from the hour they were born—babes who never knew what it was to be sober; and they had parents, who for the sake of drink, were willing to place their children in the care of people unknown to them.

Surgeon-Major Semple, of the Netley Pathological Laboratory, has been busily at work inoculating the attendants and medical officers of the Barming Heath Insane Asylum with anti-typhoid serum. The patients of the asylum have not been inoculated.

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