

The course of instruction in medical electricity and massage occupies three months, and comprises the following subjects, viz.: Elementary anatomy, elementary physiology, theoretical and practical instruction in massage, elementary electricity, and practical instruction in the use of the electrical batteries, and in the Nauheim treatment; so that for the future there can be no excuse for learning these useful methods in a superficial manner.

WE understand that Miss Alice Clark, whose appointment as matron to the Southport Infirmary we chronicled last week, was selected from 59 candidates to fill this important position. For the last eight years, Miss Clark has been connected with the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, where she is universally esteemed and respected. Miss Clark distinguished herself by coming out first in the examination, and has since filled the posts of senior ward sister and assistant matron with conspicuous ability. Her appointment makes the eighth time in the last seven years in which a matronship has been gained direct from this Infirmary, which says much for the reputation the training school has gained under its present matron, Miss K. V. Macintyre.

WE have before us, owing to the courtesy of the hon. matron, Miss M. Miller, the prospectus of the new institution, the Victoria Nurses' Institute, lately established at Cape Town, which will, we have no doubt, add greatly to the comfort and general well-being of private nurses in the Colony. The aims of the Committee of the Home are admirable. (a) To provide a centre from which the wants of the public can be speedily and efficiently supplied. (b) To furnish a Home for properly trained nurses, at a much smaller cost than they can obtain such advantages in any other way—and by thus drawing them to one centre, developing an *esprit de corps* which will tend to raise the standard of the nursing profession in Cape Town and the whole Colony. Further we learn that the nurses are to "retain their own fees," and that the Committee and officers are all women.

We are so often questioned by nurses concerning the advisability of emigration that we specially draw their attention to the expert opinion of Miss Miller on the subject, in her letter in the correspondence column. It is satisfactory to know that now that the Victoria Nurses' Institute is established no nurse need arrive in Cape Town without feeling that she may apply to the kindly hon. matron for information, which we feel sure will be most courteously given.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



LORD ROTHSCHILD has been unanimously elected President of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, in place of the late Lord Charles Bruce.

The Goldsmiths' Company and the treasurer of the hospital, Mr. Hope Morley, have respectively sent £100 and 50 guineas to the Royal Chest Hospital, City Road, E.C.

On Monday the Dowager Lady Tweedmouth laid the foundation-stone of a memorial chapel which she is having erected at the Northern Infirmary, Inverness, in remembrance of her husband, Lord Tweedmouth, and in doing so said it afforded her great pleasure to help to alleviate the greatest trials of their common humanity. The chapel is to be used by members of all denominations.

We learn from the *Daily Chronicle* that both Dr. Abbott and Dr. Fox-Symonds were very much touched with the gratitude of those to whose wants they were able to minister during the Græco-Turkish War. Many of their patients burst into tears on leaving the hospitals, and some begged to be allowed to come to England with them. All classes in the Greek nation vied with each other in showing their appreciation of the work which the contributors to the *Daily Chronicle* National Fund have enabled the staff to carry out. This is the first war in which the Röntgen rays have been pressed into the service of medicine, and Dr. Fox-Symonds says it has been of very great assistance to him and to his colleagues. He left his apparatus in Athens, after showing and explaining it to about fifty Greek doctors.

Dr. Moffatt, who was in charge of the Piræus Hospital, has arrived home—with his usual kindness taking care of several wounded English volunteers on the journey. Mr. Davis and Mr. Murray Thomas are returning by Constantinople. We can well imagine the regret with which the patients would part from medical officers, at once so skilful and untiring in the performance of their duties.

At the Annual General Meeting of the British Medical Association, held on Tuesday, in Exeter-hall, the gold medals for distinguished merit were awarded to Sir Walter Foster, M.D., M.P., and Mr. C. G. Wheelhouse, F.R.C.S. The medals were presented by Dr. Robert Saundby, the president of the council of the Association. Sir Walter Foster, in acknowledging the presentation and in returning thanks on behalf of Mr. Wheelhouse and himself for what was to both the crowning distinction of their lives, said that he held it in that esteem himself, because in the first place it was an honour to which he could always appeal as an irresistible testimony that in his time and generation he had tried to do his best for the medical profession.

A Medical, Surgical, and Hygienic Exhibition was opened at the Queen's Hall, on Monday, of which we hope to give an account next week.

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