

have not been utilized in Cuba, as they might have been, long since, for the women were ready and eager to go, and certainly they should have been there.

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THE names of the seven immune nurses are Mrs. Sadie Harlan, of San Antonio, Texas; Mrs. Florence Applegate Patello and Miss Barbara C. White, of New Orleans; Miss Wingreen, of Chicago, and Miss Painten, of Indiana. Mrs. Patello and Miss White are graduates of the New Orleans Training School for Nurses, and Miss Wingreen is a graduate of the Cook County Medical College, of Chicago.

Mrs. Patello took the highest honours in her class in the training school, and wears a gold medal. She also wears a silver medal, sent to her by the Pope for services rendered in nursing two of the Masist Fathers, whose monastery is in one of the suburbs of New Orleans.

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A PATRIOTIC supporter of the Red Cross Society in the United States, is, it is asserted, obtaining a larger response to her appeal for funds than she at all anticipated. This young lady wrote to four friends asking them to send her ten cents, and each to write to four others asking for the same amount and so on. The request "caught on." Letters came in first by dozens, then by hundreds, then thousands, till the Post Office Department in the town were obliged to take on several extra clerks, and the letters are being delivered in clothes baskets and barrels, while the family and friends of the originator of the scheme are being pressed into the service as secretaries to deal with the mass of correspondence. Already 125,000 letters have been received, and they are still coming in. The postage of these alone amounts to £500.

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It is asserted that in Rhodesia, nuns are superseding lay nurses, as the latter take up nursing as a profession, rather than as a work of mercy. Ordinary nurses, we are told, view their patients from the cold matter-of-fact standpoint of scientific interest. They treat an illness as a battle between science and death, in which the former must and shall win, not for the sake of the sufferer, but for the sake of the honour of the nurse, and indirectly the honour of the science. Many hard things are said of nurses, but it has been abundantly proved that their services can ill be dispensed with in time of need, and that as a rule their patients speak highly of their devotion.

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WE regret to hear of the sudden death of Mrs. Mary Humphreys, Matron of the Forest Hospital, Mansfield, and which was due to heart failure consequent on an ovarian tumour.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



SIR SAMUEL WILKS, BART., President of the Royal College of Physicians, and Physician in Ordinary to the Queen, recently opened the Victoria Cottage Hospital, Emsworth, which has been erected as a memorial of the Diamond Jubilee. At the opening ceremony the Rector, the Rev. Guildford Sprigg said that on Her Majesty having been informed of what they had done he received the following reply, dated July 31st:—"Dear Sir,—The facts contained in your letter of the 19th inst. have been brought to the notice of the Queen. I am authorised to assure you Her Majesty has learned with much satisfaction of the liberal and charitable manner in which the people of Emsworth, generously assisted by others, have commemorated her Diamond Jubilee by building a village hospital. While thus showing their loyalty and devotion to the Queen they have nobly contributed to a work of mercy with which Her Majesty heartily sympathises. I am, yours faithfully, Arthur Bigge." It was resolved to send the following telegram in reply:—"The people of Emsworth and district dutifully and gratefully acknowledge Her Majesty's gracious message concerning their Diamond Jubilee memorial hospital now being opened by Sir Samuel Wilks, president of the Royal College of Physicians, and with heartfelt loyalty sing 'God Save the Queen.'"

The continued progress of the Prince of Wales is so satisfactory that his medical attendants, in issuing a bulletin on August 6th, stated that for the present no further bulletin would be issued.

The Duke of Portland has accepted the office of President and Lord Herschell that of Vice-President of the East London Hospital for Children, and the Earl of Errol has accepted a seat on the Board of management.

The Duke of Newcastle is presenting a complete and valuable X-ray apparatus to the North Eastern Hospital for Children at Hackney.

Dr. Cheadle has presented the Medical School of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, with the sum of £500 for the purpose of founding a gold medal in clinical medicine.

St. Mary's Hospital Gazette remarks:—"Mr. J. Ernest Lane has been elected an Examiner in Anatomy for the Primary Fellowship Examination of the Royal College of Surgeons. We hope the knowledge of a friend at Court will tempt more St. Mary's men to enter for this qualification." We presume this *naively* expressed aspiration does not in any way reflect on the impartiality of the Examiners of this august assembly?

Dr. D. M. Forbes has been presented with an illuminated address on vellum, and a purse of 600 guineas, on his retirement from the position of medical superintendent of the Infirmary of St. Leonard's, Shore-ditch, a post which he has occupied for 30 years.

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