

long she was in O'Brien's public-house, five or ten minutes. It was there she had a game at cards.

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WITNESS, continuing, said outside Kilmallock she walked for a mile. When she came to the town she called at Mr. Mortell's, where she had a glass of porter. The van was moving slowly, it was at a walking pace from outside Charleville. The patient asked for a rest several times, as she appeared very depressed-like, wanting her breath. She took the patient out of the van and put her to bed; she was very weak; witness took her upstairs in her arms; she could not say whether she was able to walk; she sat on a chair and made no complaint. On the following morning the patient thanked the nurses for the way in which she was brought; she appeared to be dying at the time. In reply to a question, the witness stated that the whisky and milk which the patient did not drink she threw on the green. "She would not drink it, fearing the patient might have been suffering from a contagious disease."

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MRS. ELLEN PIGGOTT deposed she was "one of the nurses who went for the patient, Ellen Casey. She was a pauper, and night-wards' woman over the lunatics." In reply to an inquiry from Dr. Browne as to how many drinks she had, she replied she was "sorry to say she did not have enough." She "could not say how many drinks the driver had, he was sober."

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MRS. HANNAH O'BRIEN deposed to the workhouse van stopping at her husband's public-house, on two occasions. The nurses had a drink each time. Mrs. Piggott had two pints of porter, Mary Hourigan had two bottles, and the driver had two pints of porter. Henry Williams gave evidence that the nurse was "anxious for a game of cards, so was he, and they had a harmless 45."

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DR. JAMES CLERY deposed that "the patient arrived at the Workhouse bathed in perspiration, with a pulse of 140 and temperature 104°, almost in a state of collapse. He considered the ambulance a very bad one. It was most unsuitable both from narrowness and space, and want of ventilation. He also considered that the journey made in it by the patient hastened her death, and she must have suffered from carbonic acid poisoning while on it."

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SUCH a condition of things seems, at the present day, almost incredible. We hope that trained nurses will take notice that these women, who drank and played cards while in charge of a patient, and one of whom at any rate was a pauper attendant, describe themselves as nurses, and that there is nothing to prevent their doing so. This is but one more instance of the necessity for registration. The evidence which is accumulating is becoming overwhelmingly strong.

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Board of Delegates of the Hospital Saturday Fund have decided to alter the date of "Hospital Saturday" for the present year from to-day Saturday, September 3rd (as originally arranged), to Saturday, October 15th, when special collections will be made in the various business houses, of London (in the place of the ladies' street collection), on behalf of the medical charities. This effort will be supplementary to the regular weekly workshop collection which constitutes the main source of the fund.

The preparations are well advanced for opening the new extension of the Hampstead Workhouse, which has been erected by the Hampstead Guardians at the junction of Heath Street and New End, Hampstead. The new structure, which will accommodate an additional 100 inmates, will cost about £30,000. The electric light will be installed throughout, and the accommodation—the great object of which is by means of classification to be able to make a distinction between the deserving and the undeserving poor—will be of the most modern description, while ample facilities are intended to be provided for recreation.

Dr. A. H. Corke has resigned his position as medical attendant to the sick wards of the Hampstead Workhouse, in consequence of the large increase in his private practice, and because the increased number of patients in the workhouse makes it desirable that a resident medical officer should be appointed.

At a meeting of the Election Committee of the governors of the Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital, held recently, Mr. J. J. Evans, late resident medical officer of the hospital, was elected to the post of honorary surgeon in succession to Mr. S. Lloyd Owen, who retired.

THE Duke of Devonshire will be accompanied by the Duchess upon the occasion of his visit to Keighley to-day, for the purpose of laying the first stone of an extension of the Keighley Hospital.

The work of erection of the new Jenny Lind Hospital, Norwich, is now being actively proceeded with. The cost of erection and furnishing is estimated at £1,200. The building will be of brick, relieved with stone dressings. A special feature is that the wards will be placed on arches so as to admit of free circulation of air beneath the floors. The nurses' living rooms will be quite apart from the hospital proper.

The annual report of the Corbett Hospital, Stourbridge, shows that the institution is doing good work in the neighbourhood, and that this is appreciated is shown by contributions of money and of work from both employers and employed throughout the district. The number of patients treated last year was 308, an increase of fifteen on the previous year. The report which was presented by the Board of Management to the annual meeting of subscribers acknowledged the continued efficiency of the services of Miss Richards, the Matron.

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