

showing that you have confidence in him and believe in him, and you will never find it necessary in praising one physician to do so at the expense of another. Be loyal to the family employing you. You will see them with their masks off, they are not on their guard against you. You will probably get a peep at the family skeleton. But whatever you learn of the private affairs or of the private character of those whom you serve, let it be as sacred as though told to God alone.

If you do your work perfunctorily, for the pay that is in it, or because it is the best thing you can get to do till marriage or some other change comes to you, you will never succeed. While if you show that you are honestly and intelligently trying to be of real use to your patients, serving them with skill and sympathy, you will receive their loving appreciation.

Most of us cannot look for fame and honour in this life. Few inventors can hope to be known as Edison is known. Not many medical men will ever deserve the renown that has come to the genial 'autocrat of the breakfast table.' There is only one Emerson. And yet inventors and physicians and authors keep on striving after the ideal that these great men have set before us, and we are better for the trying.

You too have your great ones. There are no names better known in all the world to-day than Florence Nightingale and Clara Barton, and why? Because they have poured out their love and their help and their sympathy in fullest measure, to anyone and everyone who needed it. They have bound up the red wounds of war. They have brought comfort and cheer into hearts that were sad and forlorn. They have lived for others. Here is the pledge which the Red Cross nurse takes to-day, and it breathes the same spirit of self-effacement.

"I promise that I shall act as a true sister to every human being, independently of nationality, creed or sex. That there should be nothing too small and nothing too great an effort for me to assist in relieving pain if within my power to do so."

To-day the leader of the Red Cross Society of Nurses is beloved in Spain as well as in America, and Englishmen and Chinese unite to do her honour. For whoever comes under the protecting care of that Red Cross, whether on the battlefield, on the sea, or in the hospital, whether he be Turk or Spaniard, Cuban or one of our own dear boys, anywhere—everywhere—he is safe.

Let these examples be an inspiration to you, helping you to more earnest endeavour and more supreme consecration to the cause of suffering humanity to which you have given your lives."

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



At Liverpool, last Saturday, Lord Lister publicly received the degree of Doctor of Science of the Victoria University, and the newly-erected laboratories of University College, Liverpool, which College, with Owen's College, Manchester, and Leeds College, forms the Victoria University, were also opened. These laboratories have been built and equipped by Mr. Thompson-Yates at his own charge, the total cost being £28,000. Lord Lister, in his reply to the Chancellor, referred to the animal suffering at present entailed in vivisection as being of the most trifling description. This is high authority, but at the same time there is, we are sure, a deep-rooted aversion in the minds of the majority of British people against the practice, and a great deal of doubt as to the ultimate gain of following the Jesuitical tenet that the "end justifies the means."

The death of Major Lester, while under treatment by a "Christian Scientist" for tubercular peritonitis, necessitated an inquest, at which a member of this body had an opportunity of explaining the theories held by her Society. Briefly, its members give no remedies because they believe "the law of God is applicable to healing." They are, therefore, in the highest degree illogical in sending, as the Coroner ascertained was their custom, for a medical man in the case of a broken limb. The habit of praying for the sick, is a custom both Catholic and Apostolic, but when the use of prayer is accompanied by the rejection of medical treatment, there is another aspect to the case. The whole teaching of the Christian Church, from the earliest times, in her sacraments, her ceremonial, and her services is, that the gifts of God come to men by human channels. That Divine omnipotence works, if it seems good to it, independently of these means, is, of course, understood, but, if means are provided, and neglected, it is surely unreasonable to suppose that the Divinity will interpose and work a special miracle to counteract the evil results of such neglect. The coroner in summing up the evidence on the case said that most probably nothing he or the jury might say would alter the opinion held by these extraordinary people. He could not help thinking that some of these people would be much better and very much safer, if they were confined in a lunatic asylum instead of carrying out absurd and ridiculous ideas. The jury, in finding that Major Lester died of tubercular peritonitis, expressed their strong abhorrence of the so-called treatment of the Christian Scientists.

Mr. C. W. Mansell-Moulin, Surgeon to the London Hospital, is the new president of the Röntgen Society. His appointment is a recognition of the importance of the "rays" to surgery.

It appears to have now been demonstrated by the experiments of Dr. Eduard Schiff and Dr. Leopold Freund, that superfluous hairs may be loosened and removed from the skin by short and repeated exposures to X rays. To avoid setting up inflammation, it is

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