

hour, and is provided with an isolation wing and all modern hygienic requirements. She will at present be stationed at Trieste, and the donor has devoted a sum of 50,000 florins for her maintenance in time of peace.

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DR. ANITA NEWCOMB MCGEE has issued a circular letter to the nurses in the employ of the United States Government stating that all contracts renewed on April 1st for one year will be at a salary of \$40 instead of \$30 a month, for nurses serving in the States, and \$50 a month for those serving abroad. The circular also prescribes the uniform to be worn by the nurses: Waist and apron of white linen, and skirt and Eton jacket of army blue cloth. A distinguishing mark is to be adopted for the chief nurse and will probably be in the form of a sash of some bright material. Rules have also been adopted giving the qualifications necessary for a nurse to enter the service of the United States. The age limit prescribes that they shall not be under 25 years old, but puts no further limit. All nurses are required to be graduates of a training school, except to nurse in yellow fever cases. In addition to letters from the Superintendent of the training school as indorsement, nurses are required to furnish a physician's certificate as to physical ability to undertake the work to be assigned them.

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THE relations between the medical and the nursing professions in the United States are usually most cordial, but, when a medical man does "let himself go" apparently he does so with vigour. The memory of the professor who recently described all women as "two-legged dyspeptic owls" is still fresh in our memory, and now Dr. Belleray follows on in the "Medical Record," pouring forth the vials of his wrath against trained nurses. The leading varieties of nurses are, according to this gentleman, "a hatchet-faced, lantern-jawed, female, whose very presence is enough to turn milk sour," and "a round, squabby, bumptious young dame, with a swagger resembling that of a Bowery swell." Others, again, "rustle about a sick room," or "prance about operating rooms like the proverbial bull in a china shop."

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FROM which it would seem that there are "nurses and nurses" even in the States, but surely Dr. Belleray is singularly unfortunate in the nurses he has met! The nurses we are acquainted with who hail from the States do not resemble in the very least the type of young person described above; on the contrary, they are comely, bright, cheerful, and professional women, just the sort that one would wish to have about one in a sick room.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Amongst the latest contributions to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund for London is the sum of £105, being the annual subscription of the Prince of Wales, president of the fund.

When opening the first Board School erected in Bedford, the Duke of that ilk, took the occasion to praise the assistance being given by the London School Board to the Passmore Edwards' Settlement with regard to the instruction of invalid children. He said that hitherto such children, unless they attended school previous to losing their health, received no education; they were condemned to a life of agonised monotony without even the relief of reading. Under the new scheme the School Board provided the teacher, all the educational apparatus, and the furniture. The settlement provided the class rooms, the transport, and a trained nurse for the children. The transport consisted of an ambulance in which the children were driven to and from school. He trusted that the London School Board and other School Boards might extend this particular branch of their work, the initiation of which was greatly due to Mrs. Humphry Ward.

A concert is announced to be given by the Magpie Madrigal Society in aid of the New Hospital for Women at the St. James's Hall on Thursday, May 11th, at 8.30 p.m. The programme will mainly consist of madrigals of the 16th and 17th centuries by Michael Cavendish, Ellis Gibbons, Orlando de Lasso, Claudian de Sermisky, Luca Marenzio, Cyprian de Rore, Francis Pilkington, Clement Janequin, &c. Mrs. Hutchinson, Miss Olsson (from Sweden and Paris) will sing, and Miss Maude Powell will give solos on the violin.

The Watford Guardians must be very intelligent persons. A short time ago they provided perambulators for babies in the workhouse, and have now turned their attention to the teeth of the children under their charge. At a recent meeting a committee reported that they had ordered four dozen tooth brushes. When one realises how much success and happiness in life depends on health, and how much health depends on digestion, and consequently on teeth, one wonders at the universal neglect of nature's grinders amongst the lower classes.

Mr. John Robinson, of Worksop Manor, has offered to add a wing to the Nottingham General Hospital in memory of his late son, at a cost of £10,000. The offer has been gratefully accepted by the governors.

Mr. Francis Heathcote has left £10,000 to that most useful charity, the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate.

Dr. Arthur Newsholme, the Medical Officer of Health for Brighton, discusses this question in the *Practitioner* for April, which is a "Special Cancer

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