

with her own sanitary squadron, and depend upon nobody's beneficence. And it was in the spirit of the same working hypothesis that the British delegates good-humouredly assented to the proposed clauses.

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WE drew attention, some time ago, to the excellent practice of the General Hospital, Launceston, Tasmania, of publishing the names of the nurses who have gained their certificates. It is satisfactory to learn that all the certificated nurses of this Hospital have, so far, been a credit to their training school. It is less satisfactory, but not surprising, to know that unscrupulous women, realising the prestige attached to the certificate of this school pose as graduates, and in one case even as a Sister, of the institution, and have succeeded in deluding the public into employing them as trained nurses.

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THE Committee of the Hospital have, therefore, adopted the excellent course of publishing the names of all graduates of the School, a plan which, for the protection of the public, as well as for that of the fully qualified nurses, who, naturally, do not care to be classed with the failures and frauds, is highly to be commended. We hope that the example set by this hospital will be widely followed by all general hospital boards who value the prestige of their nursing staffs.

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THE Launceston Hospital affords training to its nurses in every branch of their profession except midwifery, as besides medical and surgical wards it has excellent gynæcological work, besides children's wards, and a small lunatic asylum of 5 beds, and an isolation hospital of 14 beds.

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THE examination of nurses in this hospital is conducted by the Surgeon Superintendent, two of the consulting staff, and the Matron; and a feature of it is that the practical part is held in the wards of the Hospital where the nurses are required to demonstrate their ability to pack and sponge patients, to put fracture cases to bed, to arrest hæmorrhage, to apply bandages, make poultices, etc.

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WE are interested to notice that only those who pass with first class honours, and who have obtained the maximum number of marks for conduct, are entitled to wear the Badge of this Hospital. As it is necessary to obtain 75 per cent. of the full number of marks to attain to first class honours, this Badge is a distinction not easily won, and is no doubt keenly coveted and worked for by the pupils of the School.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Duke and Duchess of Connaught last week paid a visit to Epping Forest, and opened a Cottage Hospital founded in commemoration of the Queen's Jubilee. The Hospital has cost in all about £15,000, £8,000 having been given by Mr. J. K. Roberts. The last £600 was presented on the opening day by Mr. Brown, Chairman of the Committee. The hospital contains two free wards, with six beds in each, and two wards for the same number of paying patients. The Duke of Connaught, in response to an invitation to declare the hospital open, said: "It gives me very great pleasure to declare this hospital open, and I desire to say how pleased I am to have been asked to perform a ceremony so closely associated with the Jubilee of my beloved mother the Queen. She, as you know, always shows the deepest sympathy with her suffering subjects. I congratulate the people of Woodford on having marked that memorable anniversary in the way they have done, so that future generations may be reminded of that happy event. On their behalf I venture to thank Mr. Roberts for his munificent gift and Mr. Brown also for his generosity."

Mr. George P. Field, Chairman of the St. Mary's Hospital Bazaar Committee, is appealing for donations in order that the whole sum, £70,000, required to complete the Clarence Memorial Wing, may be obtained. Already £12,000 has been collected during the past few weeks by local Committees who have been canvassing the neighbourhood, and it is probable that a substantial addition to this sum will be received as a result of the Bazaar held at the Great Central Hotel in the Marylebone Road.

The St. Mary's Hospital Bazaar on Tuesday and Wednesday, at the Hotel Great Central, was a brilliant function. The Bazaar was opened by the Duchess of Fife, who was received by Colonel Stanley Bird, Chairman of the Board of Management of the Hospital, and other gentlemen. The Duchess was presented by Miss Bird with a bouquet, and Mr. G. P. Field, Chairman of the Bazaar Committee, read an address to which the Duke of Fife replied. The Duchess, having declared the Bazaar open, made a tour of the stalls, which represented streets and squares, ladies residing in the various districts being responsible for them. The stalls were draped in blue and pink muslin with excellent effect, and the Band Stand in the centre was garlanded with deep crimson and pale pink roses, with festoons of Smilax, and waving palms. Her Royal Highness, amongst other purchases, bought an exquisite basket of shaded mauve orchids from the flower stall which was presided over by Mrs. George Alexander, and which was liberally supplied by Baron de Rothschild and others. A popular feature of the bazaar was the "palm lounge," presided over by Lady Sassoon, which was quite the coolest place in the bazaar, and in which American and iced drinks were served. The refreshment stall was presided over by Mrs. Choate, wife of the American Ambassador, and the American room in which the stall found place had

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