

Edinburgh and the public of Scotland were owing the nurses of the Royal Infirmary. Though the nurses might not all obtain prizes in their profession, because there were very few, yet in doing their duty they had the consciousness they were performing a noble service which would not go unrewarded.

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THIS public prize giving is always a feature in the Annual Meeting at which the Head of the Training School presents her Report to the Governors in hospitals of standing both in the States and Canada, and we are glad to observe that this good trans-Atlantic custom has been adopted in Scotland. For how much of inspiration and of progress are we not indebted to those fresh air currents which waft from the shores of the New World to the Old? Some day science will tell us.

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WE learn from *The Trained Nurse* that the report of the first Annual Convention of the Associated Alumnae of Trained Nurses of the United States and Canada has been published, and copies are now ready for distribution. This first report is of special interest, as it contains a record of the formation of the association, outlines its aims, and gives in full the Address of its President, Mrs. Hampton Robb, which has already appeared in the NURSING RECORD, and various papers read at its last meeting, April 28 and 29, 1898. We hope to review this report which we consider of international value at an early date.

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THE following stories are told by the writer of an article on "The Humours of Hospital Life," which has appeared in the *Cornhill Magazine* :—

A hospital sister summoned the wife of one of her patients into her private room, and began to tell the woman gently that the doctors thought very badly of her husband. "Well, miss, that's jest wot I sez to 'im lawst visitin' day. Tom, I sez, I think your breakin' up, I sez. But we'd miss yer wages of a Saturday, I sez, if so be as it pleased the Lord to taik'e yer."

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SOME medical students once averred that the hospital governors, before appointing a chaplain, had advertised thus: "Wanted, a parson of limited intellect and the plainest possible appearance, to officiate as hospital chaplain. Terms very moderate." Certain it is that the gentleman appointed performed his pastoral visits thus :—

"Good morning, my friend. How are you?" Patient: "A little better, thank you, sir." Chaplain (inspecting diet board): "Ah, I see. They have put you on greens. You have much for which to thank your Heavenly Father. Good morning."

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



PRINCESS HENRY of BATTENBERG went over to Romsey from Osborne to open a new Nurses' Institute, which had been erected in celebration of the Diamond Jubilee. The customary ceremony was performed of unlocking the door of the new building with a golden key, presented by Mrs. Montgomery.

The Baroness de Hirsch Gerenth has made a donation of £200 towards the £4,000 required for the new Nurses' Home at the Chelsea Hospital for Women (to be opened by the Duchess of Albany on the 20th inst.), for the enlargement of the operating theatre, and for other improvements.

The Bishop of London will open the Ward for Cancer and the Nurses' Home, at the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, on February 1st.

The Distribution Committee of the Hospital Saturday Fund has a sum of £17,000 to award to the medical charities of London as against £17,500 last year. The slight decrease is caused by the fact that the street collection was, in deference to public opinion, abandoned, but we do not think that eventually the Committee of the Fund will regret their action.

The Metropolitan Asylums Board had a full agenda to consider last Saturday at its meeting at the County Hall, Spring Gardens. Mr. R. M. Hensley presided. Dr. Hill opened the proceedings by calling attention to the fact that nine cases of diphtheria had occurred during the last two months at Darenth Asylums and Schools. He moved, and it was carried, that Dr. Arthur Shadwell be requested to investigate and report. A member of the committee enquired whether it was true that a portion of the Park Hospital had fallen down. He received a reply in the negative but Mr. Scovell said that the architect had reported that certain pillars were "out of plumb."

At the quarterly meeting of the Medical Society for the Study of Inebriety, held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, Dr. Archdale Reid read a paper in reply to Dr. Norman Kerr, in support of theories in favour of transmitted or hereditary intemperance.

At a meeting of the Incorporated Society of Medical Officers of Health, held at St. Giles' Board of Works Office, High Holborn, Dr. A. Newsholme, Medical Officer of Health for Brighton, read a paper on the Prevention of Tuberculosis, with special reference to notification, and expressed the opinion that the visitation of phthical houses was of as great importance to the public weal as that of houses where infectious fevers occurred.

We understand that by the award of a diploma and gold medal at the South London Food and Drink (Temperance) Exhibition just concluded, Fromms Extract Co., Ltd., have now gained no less than 26

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