

looked forward to, when at length, all preparations being complete, the crowning honour was to be given to Bristol and its Jubilee Memorial. The picturesque old town decked itself in its most festal attire, for the visit of its Sovereign Lady—who had never visited this neighbourhood since in 1830 she came here as Princess Victoria—now having reigned more than “60 years a Queen,” she comes again, and the loyal city welcomes her with an enthusiasm which knows no bounds.

The ceremony at the Home was a short and impressive one.

The carriage containing the Queen, Princess Christian, Princess Beatrice, and the Duke of Connaught, drew up on the South side of the Home, where various presentations were made, including Miss Ellis, the newly-elected Matron. Then driving round to the front side, the Queen was presented, by the President (Mr. Edward Wills), with a gold medallion, in the centre of which was a jewelled button, connected by electricity to the front door. The Queen pressed this button, declaring the Home open; the door flew back, and a crowd of nurses in their uniforms, with caps and aprons, stepped forward on to the flight of steps, and the ceremony was over.

It was a day to be long remembered in the history of Bristol. All the incidents combined to make a successful and memorable whole—the proverbial Queen's weather, the vast and orderly crowds, the stately procession, and the grand appearance of the Household Troops—while the gracious response of her Majesty to the acclamations, which greeted her, stirred an intense feeling of loyalty, which culminated by the reception during the evening of a message from the Queen after her return to Windsor, expressing her entire satisfaction and pleasure in the day's proceedings.

MAUD GREENHOUGH SMITH.

Monuments for Army Nurses.

THE order of Spanish-American War Nurses has asked permission of the Secretary of War to erect a monument in the National Cemetery at Arlington to the trained female army nurses already buried in that cemetery, and also to those who may yet die in the service of their country. The monument is to cost not less than \$10,000, and the design is subject to the approval of the Secretary of War. Secretary Root has not yet acted upon the application. In the unexpected event of his refusing to grant the desired permission, it is proposed to place the memorial in Riverside Park, Manhattan.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



HER Majesty the Queen, in Council, has been graciously pleased to grant a Royal Charter of Incorporation to the British Home for Incurables at Streatham, under the name and designation of the “British Home and Hospital for Incurables.”

The Lady Mayoress, accompanied, it is hoped, by the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs, will pay a visit to the institution on the afternoon of Monday, the 4th December, for the purpose of unveiling the new East Window in the Chapel and for opening the Sale of Work made by the patients for their own benefit.

At the fortnightly meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums Board the Clerk reported that there had been an increase of 79 patients under treatment at the Board's hospitals since the last meeting. The returns for the past fortnight showed that there were under treatment 3,504 fever patients and 1,730 diphtheria patients, with 441 persons suffering from enteric fever and one from another disease, making a total of 5,676. The total for the corresponding fortnight of the previous year was 4,688.

The new head offices of the Metropolitan Asylums Board in the course of erection on the Thames Embankment will be ready for the reception of the clerical staff on Lady Day next. The Board has decided to re-open the Darenth Adult Lunatic Asylum, which has been undergoing renovation.

We learn with much pleasure that the Committee of the Children's Hospital, Nottingham, have received a most generous and much needed gift from Mr. T. L. Birkin, who, learning that the committee cannot enlarge the present hospital owing to want of space, or obtain any other building which meets their views has made over to them Forest House, together with four or five acres of land. This generous gift will enable the Committee to carry out their building and endowment scheme almost immediately, the position is an excellent one, while it is quite as accessible as that of the present hospital. At present the hospital only contains 30 beds, obviously too small a number for a town with a population of nearly 240,000, we are glad therefore that there is an immediate prospect of an extension of the work of this most useful institution. The welfare of the Nottingham Children's Hospital, in which we have spent many happy days, must always be of great interest to us.

The Paris *L'Odontologie* says: “Everybody knows of the important traffic that has been going on since remote ages in elephants' teeth. In our own age we see rising a new traffic—that in human teeth. We refer to the artificial teeth that the New World is sending us to fill the voids left in our jaws. From June 30th, 1897, to June 30th, 1898, there were exported from the United States 65,242 dols. worth of artificial teeth—21,000 dols. to France, 19,000 dols. to England, and 14,000 dols. to Germany. In 1896 the exportations were valued at 88,243 dols.

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