

the Lord Provost, in moving the adoption of the report, spoke warmly of the work of the nursing staff. He said it was in a sense—only in a sense—delightful to go through the hospital, and to see the youthful patients lying in their wards and the kind ministrations of the nurses and physicians; and in this connection he would ask the meeting to award a vote of thanks to Mrs. Harbin, the Matron, and the nurses. How largely the comfort of the patients depended on the kindly touch, the kindly look, and the loving word of the nurses only those who had had experience of suffering in their immediate homes could understand. And though the presence of a cheerful doctor was always regarded as a half-way step towards a cure, the nurse, who was continually in attendance, was often a more important factor in that respect than the doctor himself.

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WE are not sure whether the appointment of nurses by Society women is not, after all, to be preferred to selection by inflammatory Guardians. The former are not, on the whole, likely to be susceptible to good looks, while, with Guardians, good looks are in many instances considered of the first importance. Recently, at a meeting of the Belfast Board of Guardians, several candidates for posts as temporary probationary nurses were called before the Board and questioned.

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DR. M'DONNELL moved, and Mr. M'Creery seconded, that Miss M'Carthy and Miss M'Mahon be appointed. They were, said the doctor, in the service of the Guardians a few months ago, and served them very well for four or five weeks, but had to retire under the new regulation because they had failed to pass the necessary examination. They had since applied themselves to study, and, as they had served so faithfully, he thought they should be appointed. Another Guardian proposed, as an amendment, that Miss Gold be appointed, and it was agreed that she was "the best looking girl in the crowd." The Chairman enquired whether they were all agreed to appoint Miss Gold, and several Guardians answered in the affirmative. At this juncture, Dr. McDonnell enquired what was going to be done with his resolution which had been duly seconded, so the Chairman said he would take a poll on it.

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MISS GOLD was appointed by a show of hands, and "expressed her thanks in felicitous terms, and, on leaving the room, was made the recipient of prolonged laughter amid much applause."

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We are sorry that, owing to pressure on our space, we have been compelled to hold over several letters, notably one of great interest on "Hospital Cabins," by Comte de Cardi.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



UNDER the will of the late Professor Hughes four London hospitals will each benefit to the extent of £80,000. The money, however, is not to be paid over until 20 years after the death of Mrs. Hughes. Numerous sums of £500 and £1,000 have been left to smaller London institutions, with a like postponement. The Professor's fortune of half a million is distributed amongst charitable institutions.

Mr. Hall-Edwards has been appointed to the management of the X-ray apparatus in connection with the Imperial Yeomanry Hospital. He will take out two complete sets of apparatus, one the gift of a gentleman at Leamington, the other provided by money collected in the County of York. Mr. Hall-Edwards will take out the Mackenzie-Davidson localisers, as well as his own. Messrs. Burroughs and Wellcome have given a full set of their tabloid developers.

The *National Church* gives the following summary of collections for the London Hospital Sunday Fund last year:—

Church of England	£30,370	14	7
Congregationalists	1,637	3	3
Jews	1,999	1	7
Presbyterians	1,176	1	8
Wesleyans	955	10	7
Baptists	946	12	4
Roman Catholics	479	7	3
Unitarians	344	16	10
Church of Scotland	152	6	10
German Lutherans	111	5	3
Foreign Protestants	103	6	3
Society of Friends	98	3	0
Greek Church	81	4	2
Catholic Apostolic	79	10	6
Reformed Episcopal Church ..	33	19	1
Swedenborgians	26	19	9
Methodists (United Free Church)	24	11	6
Methodists (Welsh Calvinistic) ..	22	19	0
Methodists (Primitive)	16	3	8
Free Church of England	11	18	4
Moravians	3	0	10
Methodists (New Connection) ..	1	3	2
Various	292	15	2
	£38,168	14	9

It is interesting to observe that the London Throat Hospital, 204, Great Portland Street, has now a lady Secretary, and that she read the annual report at the general meeting on the 30th inst. During the year the Matron, Miss Chitty, has resigned, and has been succeeded by Miss Gannon.

Under the will of the late Mr. Siegfried Rudolf Zunz, we are glad to learn that London hospitals will benefit to the extent of between £80,000 and £90,000. The choice of hospitals to receive the

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