

We would urge upon them, however, not to accept the husk instead of the kernel, but to insist upon a thorough education upon which to base their claims to the recognition of their services.

On another point (surprising position) we find ourselves in agreement with Sir James Crichton Browne, who advised the Asylum Workers to "go on agitating briskly until their just claims were satisfied." This is the policy which we have always adopted in the Royal British Nurses' Association, and in which we have every intention of persevering.

A well-merited vote of thanks was passed at the conclusion of the meeting to Dr. Shuttleworth, the energetic and courteous Hon. Secretary, whose work has contributed so much to the present success of the Association.

### The Howard de Walden Nurses' Home.

THE Nurses' Co-operation is to be congratulated on its new Home in Langham Street, Portland Place, named the Howard de Walden Nurses' Home, in recognition of the fact that half the cost was defrayed by the late Dowager Lady Howard de Walden. The Home contains accommodation for forty resident nurses, besides which it can be used as a club by non-resident members of the Society. It is well and comfortably furnished throughout, and the scheme of colour is charming. The Secretary's office, with its yellow paper, the general sitting-room, pink, and the club-room blue, are all most harmonious, while the restaurant, with its cream-coloured glazed brick walls, and its small tables, looks most attractive. In the basement is a large kitchen, communicating by lift with the restaurant, as well as a box-room fitted with racks for numberless boxes. There is also bicycle accommodation. Above the ground floor are four stories, which are alternately coloured pink and maize, the counterpanes on the beds being white and pink, or white and maize, to suit the walls. In the passages is plenty of cupboard accommodation, and cupboards can be rented by members for a moderate sum. One room, which contains two beds, is set aside for sick nurses, another is to be used as a work-room. The building is lighted by electricity and heated with hot water. There are three bath-rooms, and there is also a lavatory on the ground floor where nurses can wash their hands and hang their cloaks. The possession of this Home must add materially to the comfort of the members.

### Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Queen has sent a subscription of ten guineas to Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, Marylebone Road.

The Duchess of York has kindly sent a box of beautiful flowers to the Ragged School Union, for distribution amongst the sick children upon the cripple register of the society. Further supplies of flowers this summer for the same beneficent object will be welcomed by the secretary, at 32, John Street, Theobalds Road, W.C.

Lord Carrington has promised to unveil, at the end of this month, a tablet to be erected in Hampton Wick to the memory of Timothy Bennet, the village shoemaker, who many years ago successfully contested the right of the Crown to close Bushey Park to the public. How greatly the action and courage of this one man has added to the health and happiness of those who live in the district it is impossible to estimate.

At a meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums Board it was decided to employ for a period of one year an inspector of fire appliances and fire drill at a remuneration of £50. Fire drill is given by the stewards at the various hospitals to the Board's employes, and in order to ensure efficiency the Board has decided to make the appointment.

Professor Ehlers, of Copenhagen, is going to Crete to isolate the lepers of the island. There are 2,000 of them, and they will be planted on a small island off the coast.

It is stated that German surgeons find that the membrane inside an egg shell can be used in place of human skin to start healing by granulation in open wounds, which otherwise would not heal. Granulation in some patients requires a bit of living human skin to form a nucleus for it, and to get this involves a sacrifice on the part of some person, but the new method, tried in Brooklyn Seney Hospital, gives a good result.

Interesting experiments have been conducted in Sassari by Dr. Fermi, Dr. Lumbau, and Dr. Cossul Rocca, with the object of freeing that town from mosquitoes. The larvæ were destroyed by means of petroleum placed in the puddles and other breeding grounds twice a month, and the mosquitoes were exterminated by means of chlorine and other destructive agents. Dr. Fermi considers it possible to free any town from mosquitoes by this method, unless its situation is exceptionally unfavourable. The expense for a town of 50,000 people, is from £40 to £60 a year.

A serious outbreak of cholera has occurred among the natives engaged on the Viramgam famine relief works. The deaths daily average no less than fifty, and lately 200 panic-stricken people fled from the town. The population of Viramgam includes a number of Europeans.

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