

more bold than the rest, Miss Lavinia Wilson, has stated her complaints in writing to the Board. It is to be hoped they will investigate the matter, and attempt to institute reforms. No doubt, the impossibility of trained Sisters working under the time-honoured Master and Matron, is the fundamental grievance.

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THE report lately published by the St. George's Hospital Nursing Fund, Bombay, will serve to again remind the European community of the valuable work that the Sisters of All Saints and the nursing staff of the Hospital continue to render. If ever there was a time when that work should be generously appreciated, it is now, for the city has just passed through a season during which the Europeans have to no inconsiderable extent participated in the general ill-health. The Sister-in-Charge reports that the hospital record of patients has exceeded in number that of any former year. The epidemics of small pox and of measles partly account for this, and the invaluable service that the hospital and its nursing staff rendered in this emergency has been appreciated in many a household. It seems hard that an organization which never fails to respond to any emergency should be hampered, as this is, by the narrowness of resources against which the Sisters have constantly to struggle. In the current year special efforts will be necessary to make both ends meet, for a beginning is now to be made with the urgently needed additional nurses' quarters. Of the Rs. 47,000 required for this work rather more than half is now in hand. Rs. 22,000 may seem a large sum to raise at a time like this, but if the liberality of the response is to be commensurate with the value of the services that the Sisters and the nurses are rendering to the city, the amount should be covered well within the year.

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The nursing world at home now anxiously awaits the revelations *re* military hospital matters promised by Mrs. Richard Chamberlain, upon her arrival in England; and as we may expect a stampede of fashionable women home from South Africa at an early date, we have no doubt some of them will take up the cudgels in defence of their class against the plain-spoken attack of Mr. Treves. All of these unseemly disputes injure the defenceless Army Nursing Sisters in the eyes of the public; but should some of these Sisters be aroused to "state a case" to the War Office, which would result in a thorough re-organization of Army Nursing affairs before our next campaign, order might be evolved out of the present *mêlée*, and for once good come out of evil.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



St. Thomas's Hospital has received a donation of £500 from the trustees of Smith's (Kensington Estate) Charity, who have also forwarded a donation of £100 each to the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, the Chelsea Hospital for Women, and the Samaritan Free Hospital.

The Annual Meeting of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, was held at the Hospital last week. Mr. Arthur Lucas, Chairman of the Committee of Management, presided. A very satisfactory report was presented. The receipts were £5,953, an increase of £2,000 on the income of the previous year, and, owing to the efforts of *Punch*, £16,400 had been received, of which £2,810 had been invested, and the remainder handed over to the treasurer; consequently the long standing debt of £7,000 had been wiped out.

The Earl of Derby, President, took the chair at the Annual Court of Governors of the Brompton Hospital for Consumption. In the course of the 59th Annual Report, which was read and adopted, it was stated that 28 beds for the open-air treatment had been set apart in the south wing, and also that the question of the Country Branch and Convalescent Home had been brought prominently forward, and the Committee were anxious to begin building as soon as a site was selected.

By the completion of the buildings for the Italian Hospital in Queen's Square, W.C., the generosity of Commandatore Ortelli will confer a great boon upon the poorer members of the large Italian colony in London. The new hospital occupies one-half of the south side of the square, and stands on the site of a fine old mansion, which was at one time the nursery of the short-lived children of Queen Anne and Prince George of Denmark, the adjoining Gloucester Street being named after the little Duke of Gloucester. The building is a handsome erection of Bath stone and red brick, the eastern wing having a circular tower surmounted by a dome of imposing dimensions. The grand mansions of bygone days in Queen's Square, in one of which Dick Steele lived—and as Thackeray parenthetically observes "did not pay rent"—are gradually all being replaced by modern buildings, and the new Italian Hospital will make the fifth of these noble institutions which have found location in the once aristocratic square.

The World's Temperance Congress, convened by the National Temperance League, which will be held from Saturday, June 9, to the following Saturday inclusive, will be inaugurated by an official reception, and on the Sunday by no less than fifty sermons in the principal places of worship in the Metropolis. Mr. T. W. Russell, M.P., will preside at the opening business session on Monday morning, June 11, and in the evening of that day the Archbishop of Canterbury, as president of the Congress, will deliver an address. A large number of prominent Temperance Reformers will take part in the proceedings, which will include a

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