

Miss Kathleen Hemsworth won the prize, which consisted of a beautiful wallet, fully furnished, with silver-mounted plate, name and date engraved. She obtained 30 2/8 marks out of a possible 32. Some of the questions were:—What is meant by Physiological Rest—how is it procured? How would you nurse a case of concussion of the brain? What is the use of a surgical dressing—how would you prepare one? What are the signs of inflammation, and what is the result of inflammation of a wound? Where would you expect to find disease germs? Twenty-three probationers were examined, twenty passed.

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At the last meeting of the Dungannon Board of Guardians, it was reported that Jane Donnelly, who was appointed nurse, had refused to take up her duties unless arrangements were made that she would not have to sleep in the same wards as the fever patients, this being the only place for her accommodation at present. It is time such arrangements, or want of arrangements, were a thing of the past; still, it is not many years ago that one of the principal lying-in hospitals in London required its nurses to sleep in the wards. Nurses who refuse to consent to these conditions do good by directing attention to them, and we hope that the Dungannon Guardians will provide suitable accommodation for Nurse Jane Donnelly.

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WE learn that Miss Isabella Gordon, the Matron, and Sister Couch, who have done such excellent work at the Kimberley Hospital, have resigned their positions in order to take up work at a Home Hospital at Port Elizabeth. Their resignations were received with deep regret by the Committee of the institution, and they were asked to reconsider them. Nurses who worked in the hospital during and after the siege of the town, bear warm testimony to the devotion of the Matron and Sister Couch during that trying period. One writes:—“Rest and comfort for themselves were the last things they thought of, and I am sure most affectionate wishes for their success will follow them from us all.”

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THE first number of the Nursing Paper to be issued under the authority of the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools, is to be published on October 1st. Its appearance is awaited with keen anticipation on this side of the Atlantic.

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WE record, with deep regret, the death, in South Africa, of Australian Nursing Sister F. Hines.

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



ON Friday last the Duchess of York, attended by Lady Eva Dugdale, drove to Streatham and paid a visit to the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, with which Institution she expressed herself much pleased. Her Royal Highness subsequently honoured Mr. and Mrs. Gofton-Salmond by taking tea with them at their house in Norwood. Owing to deep mourning, both these visits were strictly private.

The parasite which causes elephantiasis, like that which causes malaria, has been simultaneously found in the proboscis of the mosquito by the second malarial expedition of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine in Nigeria, by Dr. Low in England, and by Captain James in India.

The *British Medical Journal* points out that there is little doubt that cases of plague from time to time find their way to British sea-ports. Recently, four cases, believed to be plague have been landed at the Albert Docks from the P. & O. steamship *Rome*, trading between Bombay and London, and a case of plague, which has ended fatally, was found on board the s.s. *Rosario*, which sailed from Cardiff to Hamburg, in Hamburg Harbour. Further, some eighteen months ago, two cases of plague, only diagnosed as such after death occurred at the Branch Hospital of the Seamen's Hospital Society at the Albert Docks. Our contemporary urges that so long as the threat of plague is in evidence the machinery for dealing with it should be ready, and that precise instructions should be issued by the Local Government Board with regard to cases of plague occurring in hospitals or applying for admission to hospitals. It is of opinion that plague cases ought not to be sent to our infectious diseases hospitals, they must be provided for specially, and it is necessary for everyone to know where these plague hospitals are situated, and by what means they are to be reached.

Mr. John Corbett, of Impney, Droitwich, the founder of the Corbett Hospital at Stourbridge, has intimated his intention of giving a further sum of £10,000 to the endowment fund of the institution.

Mr. William Coare Brocklehurst, of Butley Hall, has left £1,000 to the endowment fund of Macclesfield Infirmary.

A meeting of Deputies has been held at Rome to arrange for the organisation of charitable institutions, preferably sanatoria for consumptives, instead of the usual ugly monuments, in commemoration of King Humbert. This is an example which might well be followed.

Another heat wave! Nearly 100 deaths from sun-stroke have occurred in a little over 24 hours in New York, and at Chicago, where the heat has been specially severe, 2,000 horses dropped dead in the streets in one week.

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