

Association of Great Britain and Ireland that, in Union Workhouses in which insane persons are detained, a properly-qualified and trained mental nurse should be employed in the insane wards." This is most necessary. But has a properly-qualified, trained mental nurse been yet defined? Sir James Crichton-Browne, a shining light in the above Society, has a signed report before the R.B.N.A. still unrescinded by the General Council, recommending the registration of asylum attendants as mental nurses without any general hospital nursing experience. It might be as well to rescind this damaging resolution at no distant date, as we believe Sir James has acknowledged his error and ignorance upon this point of nursing; anyway, he advocated one year's general hospital training in addition to asylum experience as a standard for mental nurses at the last Annual Meeting of Asylum Workers.

Also Sir Dyce Duckworth ventured to hope, at the Jubilee Nurses' Meeting last week, that the standard for Queen's Nurses might, in the future, be raised to the three years' term. Trained Matrons have pointed out for years the anomaly of "Queen's Nurses" being accepted with inferior qualifications, to those prescribed by the leading Nurse Training Schools, and which would, no doubt, have been the standard demanded from members of the Queen's Jubilee Institute in the first instance, had sufficient expert nursing advice been requisitioned at its inauguration.

It is somewhat amusing to the "dissentient Matrons" to find all the obstructionists to nursing progress coming to heel. In another half-century what a happy family we shall be.

THE open-air treatment for phthisis is being tried at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, where two of the balconies have been converted into "wards," affording a novel sight to the "man in the street."

We hope that medical men will soon decide only to treat this disease in districts where the climate and the air are of the purest. Phthisical patients should not be gathered together in towns, but distributed in sparsely-populated country districts. Some day we shall have our fleet of magnificent floating hospitals, following the sun on the boundless ocean wave, for all these suffering creatures panting in city hospitals for ozone.

We presume the War Office is making arrangements to send nurses to China. So far it has not confided its plans to the press.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Duke and Duchess of York drove to Islington on Monday, and opened the new Highgate Hill Infirmary. Their Royal Highnesses were heartily received. The new infirmary buildings provide accommodation for 800 persons, and cost £273,000.

The Lord Mayor visited on Monday the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, E., to unveil a bust of the Queen, given by Sir M. M. Bhownaggee to commemorate his connection with Bethnal Green, which he represents in Parliament. Sir Alfred and Lady Newton afterwards opened the balconies recently erected for the open-air treatment of consumption.

Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, has promised to unveil the statue of Sir Sydney Waterlow, in Waterlow Park, Highgate, on Saturday, the 28th instant. This statue is being raised by public subscription in recognition of Sir Sydney's generosity and public spirit in presenting this magnificent estate to the people of London for ever.

The treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital has received a donation of £1,000 from Mrs. O'Stuart Andreae and Miss Mary F. South for the endowment in perpetuity of the "South Bed" in memory of the late Mr. John Flint South, F.R.C.S., some time surgeon to the hospital.

By the death of Mr. William Loney, of St. Helier's, Jersey, the Royal Hospital for Incurables at Putney, has become entitled to the residue of his estate, which will ultimately realise about £14,000. The greater part of this amount is payable at once.

At the Quarterley General Court, held at St. George's Hospital on Friday, Mr. Villiers complained that certain subscriptions formerly given to the hospital had been diverted to the Prince of Wales' Fund. This is doubly hard as St. George's got nothing last year from the Prince's Fund.

Lord Llangattoch has written to the press:—"As one deeply interested in the observance of good faith on the part of those whom the public regard as their trustees for those institutions, I venture to hope that the Lord Mayor and his advisers will tell us frankly whether they intend to pay the Hospital Sunday subscriptions into the general funds of hospitals out of which schools that publish no accounts are supported.

"It seems only honest that we should be told beforehand how our donations to the relief of the sick will be used."

"Rational dress" for ladies has a vigorous champion in Mr. F. T. Sylvester, the West Wilts coroner.

The death of a woman who tripped on her dress and fell downstairs has afforded him opportunity for a general indictment of "that antiquated garment, the

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