

baleful influence; we did not see ourselves talked about so much in print. I must own that the cultivation of professional self consciousness is always bad, but especially so for "nurses in making."

It is always bad to pull up seedlings to look at their roots, but worse when the seedlings are worried about their own little roots.

In county hospitals no one benefits more by the absence of students than the probationers. The work is not perpetually interrupted, there is no "rush" for the round. All attention is concentrated on the ward, and the patients, and the probationers do many dressings, etc., that would hardly fall to their share in a London hospital. On the other hand they miss the clinical rounds, the keenness for learning which is in the air somehow in a medical school, and the *kudos* of belonging to a large and celebrated hospital.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Queen Alexandra has consented to continue the patronage of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, which Her Majesty formerly extended to the institution as Princess of Wales. Alderman Sir Marcus Samuel will preside at a dinner to be given on the 15th May in aid of the Building Fund, for which a sum of £40,000 is required.

The Lord Mayor presided over the 87th annual meeting of the City Road Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, and in moving the adoption of the report said this was the first institution established in Europe for the study of consumption and diseases of the chest. At a time when so much interest was taken in the subject and the treatment of tuberculosis generally, the fact ought to enlist the support of all who were interested in stamping out the disease. During the year 702 in-patients were treated, and there were 26,244 attendances of out-patients. The King has just become patron of this deserving charity.

The executors of the late Siegfried Rudolph Zunz have awarded a sum of £25,000 to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, for the completion of the Clarence Memorial Wing of the hospital, on condition that the hospital authorities raise within six months an equal sum, making the £50,000 which the completion of the building is estimated to cost.

The Annual Meeting of the London Temperance Hospital, held on the 21st inst. was a very interesting occasion. The Archbishop of Canterbury presided. The hospital was founded in 1873 for the treatment of medical and surgical cases without the use of alcohol, but it was provided that the medical staff should be at liberty to administer alcohol when they decided it to be needful. Every such case has to

be recorded and published in the annual reports, and during the twenty-seven years of the hospital's existence there have been only forty-three cases in a total of seventeen thousand nine hundred and one patients.

Mr. W. Johnston, M.P., moved the following resolution:—"That this meeting is devoutly thankful to Almighty God for the good work carried on during twenty-seven years without intermission by the London Temperance Hospital. Recognising the unique place occupied by this institution in medical practice and the temperance propaganda, this meeting strongly commends it to the liberal support of all classes in order that its operations may be pursued on a large scale and may thus more effectually dispose the medical profession to give to its distinctive principle the wider application to which it is entitled." Mr. J. H. Roberts, M.P., seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Primate for presiding.

A meeting of the governors and subscribers of the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen's Square, Bloomsbury, presided over by the Lord Chancellor (the Earl of Halsbury), was held on Saturday last, when the following resolution was carried unanimously:—"That a full and independent inquiry be at once instituted by the governors into the statement issued by the medical staff in May, 1900; the facility of intercommunication between the medical staff and the board, including the demand of the former for direct representation on the board; the position, functions, and acts of the secretary-director; and the constitution, rules, and management of the hospital generally."

It was subsequently decided that Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, Mr. M. Green, Mr. Bischoffsheim, Miss A. Keyser, Sir John Paget, Mr. J. K. Hitchens, and Mr. J. Wigan should serve as a committee to make the necessary arrangements for the constitution of the committee of inquiry.

The London County Council have under consideration the urgent question of providing receiving houses for lunatics; meanwhile it appears that such poor patients, for whom the Hampstead Board of Guardians are responsible, are subjected to injurious and illegal treatment by attendants, because it has failed in the past to provide a padded room for the violently insane. Dr. E. Claude Taylor, the medical officer of the workhouse, has reported that owing to the absence of a padded room, he has been compelled to subject a lunatic to mechanical restraint in the resistance of which treatment the patient has been severely bruised.

On January 31st Mr. Court, one of the Local Government Board's inspectors, informed the Guardians that a padded room ought to be immediately provided. On the same date a letter was received from the Commissioners in Lunacy referring to the use of belts, anklets, and wristlets in restraining violent lunatics detained in the workhouse, and stating that the persons using them were liable to prosecution. Then, why does not the rightful authority prosecute the offending persons? Surely by this means the Guardians could be compelled to provide humane means of restraint for the poor distracted creatures committed to their care.

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