

wood, there must be a considerable amount of hard work to be got through. It is evident that they are kind and considerate to the patients, and they stay long in the hospital, the head nurse having been in the service of the hospital for thirty years, but one hopes the Royal Warrant may soon be altered to recognize the fact that trained nursing has developed in the last thirty years into a branch of the science of medicine. But if the nursing needs to be brought up to date the medical service could scarcely be improved upon. Genial, courteous, with a kind word for each and all of his patients, Dr. Ligertwood passed through the wards a type of all that is best in the kindly physician who regards the sick as human beings, in whom he takes a warm personal interest.

I was not surprised when one of the pensioners told me, that though the valuable knowledge in Dr. Ligertwood's head had never been recorded, and would die and be buried with him, his name would live for ever, "written in our heart of hearts." It was a fine tribute of worth, the best surely that any man can desire.

The Infirmary is an interesting place, one of the wards having formerly been the "Walpole Drawing-room." The finely moulded ceiling and beautiful white marble mantelpiece delighted the eye, but some vandal has given the carved wood door a coat of paint.

The patients are "found" in everything, even tobacco, and besides this they have 2d. a day given to them as pocket money. This is paid to each man weekly by a sergeant. It is needless to say that the keenest interest is still taken in military affairs by these pensioners. One man, whose deeds of valour in the Crimea were recorded opposite his bed, wished me to explain how it was that a British army of 200,000 men could not bring the Boers to submission, when a much smaller one had beaten the greatest foe England had ever known. Not being a military expert I left the question to others to answer, and after saying good-bye to Miss Norbury and Dr. Ligertwood, left the hospital, impressed by the kindness and goodwill which pervade the whole place.

M. B.

### The Livingstone Exhibition.

An interesting exhibition of Livingstone relics is to be held in the Westminster Town Hall, on Tuesday, June 18th, and Wednesday, June 19th, when some interesting lectures will be given as follows:

*Tuesday, June 18th.*—"Clothing for the Tropics," by C. F. Harford-Battersby, M.A., M.D., Principal of Livingstone College. 3 p.m.

*Wednesday, June 19th.*—(Special afternoon for Nurses.) "Food in the Tropics," by Dr. Harford-Battersby. 3 p.m. "Some hints on Nursing Malaria," by Robert Howard, M.B. 4.30 p.m.

### Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King has become patron of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, E.

Lord Lister will open the new Operating Theatres and Children's Ward at St. Thomas's Hospital on June 20th, at four p.m. The theatres have been fitted with all the latest improvements for the carrying out of aseptic surgery, and the new block of buildings is provided with an artificial system of ventilation. The Children's Ward is elaborately decorated with pictorial representations of fairy tales and nursery rhymes in tiles, the cost being defrayed by one of the Governors of the Hospital.

The trustees of Smith's (Kensington) Charity have forwarded £50 as a donation to the Samaritan Free Hospital, and the Italian Hospital, Queen's Square.

For the twenty-third year in succession "Delta" has sent the Lord Mayor a donation of £200 for the Hospital Sunday Fund.

The East London Hospital for Children has received a legacy of £1,000, duty free, to be applied to the support of a cot to be known as "The Lizzie Frooms Cot," under the will of the late Mr. George Frederick Frooms; also a legacy of £500, free of duty, under the will of the late Mr. John Bayliss, of Ryde.

An urgent appeal for comforts and warm clothing for the sick in hospital in South Africa is being made. It was stated by the Good Hope Society that sickness in the army is due not to the results of engagements so much as to the wear and tear of field life upon old campaigners.

In the Deelfontein Yeomanry Hospital alone there are 800 men, and other hospitals are filled in proportion. Each is appealing for comforts.

The Cape organizations are helping splendidly, having already supplied 50,000 kitbags filled with necessaries for the sick room; but the task is getting beyond unaided local efforts, for which reason it is hoped that there will be no slackening of English help.

The winter lasts three months longer, and is now exceptionally severe. When one realises all that the valour, discipline, and devotion to duty of our soldiers means to those at home, surely there should be a surplus, not a shortage, of comforts sent from home for their use in South Africa.

The official statement of casualties during last month shows that 14 officers and 152 men were killed in action; 1 officer and 58 men died of wounds; 9 officers and 477 died of disease.

Total deaths for May..... 734

Total deaths in South Africa..... 15,713

During the course of the war no less than 2,058 officers, and 47,703 men have been sent home as invalids.

During the week May 20-27 the Boer loss in killed, wounded, captured, and surrendered is put at 400.

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