

and trained in India, where every facility was in existence.

Mrs. Bishop, F.R.G.S., endorsed Dr. Marion Hunter's views, and declared that when Indian women came to this country to be medically trained they were petted and spoiled by foolish women and foolish men and returned to India full of foibles and vanity, and totally unfitted for their work.

Dr. John O. Summerhayes, of Quetta, said the development of Zenana missions under Queen Victoria had greatly impressed the women of India, and they were afraid there would now be some change because a woman sovereign had been succeeded by a man, and in India, as in all Mahometan countries, it was the custom for men to despise women as having no souls. Englishwomen had an opportunity to prove to their sisters in India that their welfare was as dear to this country now as when Queen Victoria was alive.

It was announced that subscriptions might be sent to the hon. secretary, Mrs. Lomas, Beaufort Lodge, Brooklands.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Prince of Wales has accepted the position of a Patron to the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park.

The New Hospital for Women, 144, Euston Road, requires £600 to make up the deficit on the present year's expenditure. The working of the hospital costs over £5,500 a year, and every effort is made by the committee to prevent extravagance. A ball will be given at the Hotel Cecil on Monday next in aid of current expenses, and the committee appeals to all friends to do their utmost to make it a success. In that way the managers hope to be enabled to pay their debt before the close of the year.

The Corporation of the City of London has voted a sum of 100 gs. and the Skinners' Company 25gs. towards the £3,000 still required by the Committee of Management of the North London Hospital for Consumption to enable them to complete the hospital at Mount Vernon, Hampstead.

The report of the committee which has been investigating the question of preservatives and colouring matter in food and milk recommends the total prohibition of the use of preservatives in milk. In an interview which the representative of a contemporary had with the secretary of Welford's Dairy Company, that gentleman stated that the regulation would be welcomed by Welford's, and, he believed, by other leading dairies of London, if only because it would in no way apply to them. The net result would be that those dealers who did use preservatives would be compulsorily levelled up to those who did not. This might at first curtail the milk supply of London, but he thought it should have no permanent effect in that direction. He further pointed out that large concerns had an advantage over small dealers, because they were able to turn their surplus milk into butter and cheese, and hence had no need to use preservatives.

The Registered Nurses' Society.



A meeting of the Committee of the Registered Nurses' Society was held at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, on Tuesday, December 3rd, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Hon. Superintendent, in the chair.

A satisfactory report was presented of the quarter's work, and Miss Helen Duncan and Miss Emma Anne Moles were elected to membership. Six new nurses were elected on probation. The resignations of four members were received, including two of the earliest members, Sister L. Bewsher, on her marriage, and Sister Amanda Jones, on the death of her mother, which compelled her to give up professional work for a time. These resignations were received with sincere regret by the Committee, and the Secretary was directed to convey the sympathy of the Committee to Sister A. Jones, and its congratulations to Sister L. Bewsher.

Sister Cartwright then presented the following Report, as Delegate of the Society, to the International Congress of Nurses at Buffalo, U.S.A.:

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE REGISTERED NURSES' SOCIETY.

LADIES,—Now that the International Congress of Nurses in Buffalo, U.S.A., is passed and I have enjoyed the privilege of having been present at its great gatherings, it is with much pleasure I submit to you a brief report of the proceedings which took place, and I will again express my warm appreciation of the honour you so kindly conferred upon me in electing me your Delegate.

The Congress assembled at a time when the American nation was under a great sorrow, the late President, Mr. McKinley, having, only a few days previously, been so cruelly assassinated within that city.

At the inaugural meeting much sympathy was expressed for Mrs. McKinley and a message of condolence was sent to her.

The meetings of the Congress were held in the Hall of the Women's Union Building, Niagara Square, on Wednesday, September 18th, Thursday, September 19th, and Friday, September 20th; the sessions being from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2 to 3.30 p.m.

There was a large and enthusiastic audience at every meeting and no less than five hundred nurses registered their names in the attendance book during Congress.

Miss McIsaac, President of the Congress, and Superintendent of Nursing, Illinois Training School, Chicago, occupied the Chair and conducted the proceedings throughout with a quiet and dignified grace which was most impressive.

Many exceedingly interesting and instructive papers were read (the official programme being a very full one) and it is highly satisfactory to know that all the valuable information they contained, together with the discussions upon them will appear in print.

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