

grace and beauty, side by side, under the benignant influence of "the real thing."

It is easy to smile with scarcely veiled contempt at the old-fashioned faith that believes in the power of prayer, and the certainty that its faintest cry shall be answered by a tenderly listening Heavenly Father; but the fact remains, that before the serious work of Operation Day is begun in the operating-room, the operating surgeon and all his assistants male and female kneel in prayer in the ante-room, while the operator implores the Divine help and blessing on the work in hand; and that a death is almost unknown, and the cases recover in a way that is little short of miraculous, needs some accounting for.

The writer had the privilege of standing by the operator's side to watch the marvellously skilful surgery of one memorable afternoon. The scene was in itself a very impressive one. Round each head was a wrap of white sterilized muslin, each woman wore a long white robe of linen, and each man a linen suit, and white boots sterilized. There was not a sound, except when in a low voice, the surgeon asked for some instrument, and one could not help feeling that reverence is a profoundly desirable quality in those who have the handling of the bodies and through these the souls of their fellows.

The operating-table in use on that afternoon was of pure white marble; but there are also one or two at hand of thick plate glass.

To sum up it would seem that the temper which is humble enough to depend on God for help and guidance, is also a reverent one, and able to put self entirely in the back-ground for the good of others; and when with this is united such a genius and wealth of experience, and native resourcefulness as characterizes the presiding genius of Battle Creek Sanitarium, it is no wonder that the result is an outward and visible institution, redolent with the inward and spiritual grace that makes it unique, beautiful, and successful in the highest degree.

### Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses,

Her Majesty Queen Alexandra has been graciously pleased to approve the appointment of a long list of Queen's nurses—ninety-two for work in England, eleven for Scotland, and eight for Ireland. Miss Maud Fleming has been appointed Superintendent of the Bradford Home at Manchester. The Jubilee Institute for Nurses is doing a great work all over the United Kingdom, and we heartily wish it continued progress and success.

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



A fine white marble bust of Her late Majesty, by Mr. Onslow Ford, has been placed in the Great Hall, at "Barts." It is a gift to the Hospital by Mr. Homan, one of the Governors, and will be doubly valued now that the talented sculptor is dead and lives only in his beautiful work.

The Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund is now known as King Edward's Hospital Fund for London. £51,000 was distributed amongst the hospitals in 1901.

The Prince of Wales has consented to become President of the National Association for the prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis.

Cancer causes 4,251 deaths annually in the metropolis, says the latest report of the Medical Officer of Health for London.

The Report of the Joint Conference between the Weekly Board and the honorary medical staff of the Leicester Infirmary, recently held on the sanitary condition of the hospital, has been issued. One recommendation is "that the nurses should be provided with a separate building" for residence. Their present bedrooms are good, but are situated in a block which adjoins the wards too nearly.

The surgical staff have repeatedly called attention to the utter inadequacy of the present operating theatre, and the great difficulties under which the important and critical work of that department is carried on.

The Board being of opinion that the requirements of the surgeons are imperative gave instructions for plans for a new surgical wing, to comprise all the arrangements and appliances that the experience of the most modern hospitals has proved to be valuable, to be made. These plans were adopted, and the work is now making rapid progress. The Mayor (Alderman Wood) has kindly consented to lay the memorial stone at an early date. The new wing will contain:—Two operating theatres, with anaesthetic, sterilising, and nurses' rooms, a waiting hall, new surgery, and two examination rooms adjoining; a dispensary and ample store-room; a room for special night cases; sitting-room and bedrooms for the house surgeon and resident surgical staff; entrance hall; clerk's office; porter's room; sanitary and other requisite accommodation.

The estimated cost of this new surgical wing, which it is proposed to name "The Queen Victoria Memorial Wing," is about £12,000, which, owing to the helpful interest of the late Mayor, Ald. Lennard, will, it is hoped, be mainly defrayed from the fund for which his untiring energy had obtained large and generous promises.

Leeds Infirmary will shortly be fitted up with the electric apparatus invented by Dr. Finsen, of Copenhagen, for the treatment of skin diseases by light, and patients suffering from lupus and rodent ulcer will be treated under it.

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