

to the recent criticisms of nurses which have appeared in the *Nineteenth Century*, which she said were the outcome of personal experience and knowledge, and were sadly true, though they did not hold good, she was glad to say, of Ipswich nurses. At the close of the ceremony the Matron, Miss Deane, entertained a large number of guests to tea.

The Society for Providing District Nurses for the Sick Poor of Bournemouth and Outlying Districts, is doing most useful work. During the past year the total number of cases attended by the nurses was 376, and the number of visits paid was 16,031, showing a large increase on the numbers of past years. A good work has been done, and the nurses in their various districts have been able to carry comfort and help into many of the homes of the sick poor. The Lady Superintendents of the various districts speak in high terms of the nurses—of their skill, their devotion, and the acceptableness of their services. They are "real friends" to the poor, and unremitting in their care and attention. The balance sheet shows that the receipts of the Society for the past year amounted to £399 17s. 6d., while the disbursements totalled £406 3s. 10d. In a wealthy town like Bournemouth there ought to be no difficulty in raising the necessary funds for so useful a work. A feature which should be noted is that £62 17s. was received from fees paid by patients themselves. The Hon. Secretary of the Society is Miss C. Dixon, Trevena, Lansdowne Road, Bournemouth.

We commented a short time since on the extraordinary action of Mr. McCullagh, L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., Mr. H. B. Ellis, L.R.C.P. and S., and Mr. M. A. Wardle, L.R.C.P. and S. in refusing to sanction the services of the district nurses of the Auckland Nursing Association because they themselves were not elected on to the Committee of this Association. At a special meeting of the Association, held at Bishop Auckland last week, the Executive Committee presented their resignation, and then left the platform in a body. Mr. J. T. Proud, who was then invited to the chair, said he would not shirk the duty, but he must tell the meeting frankly that he did not approve of the action of the doctors. A new Committee was appointed.

Miss E. C. Sandford, Hon. Vice-President for Scotland of the International Council of Nurses, informs us that she worked for three months in the General Hospital, Tasmania in 1885, before entering the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, as a probationer. She held the position of Sister at King's College Hospital from December, 1888, to the end of January, 1893.

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR



The Queen will open the Coronation Bazaar on July 10th in state, on the first day, with outriders in scarlet, and four horses, and will probably be accompanied by other members of the Royal Family.

The Cremation Bill has passed through its report stage and been read for a third time in the House of Commons.

The Court of Common Council has sanctioned the construction of a crematorium at an estimated cost of about £7,000, at the City of London Cemetery.

The International Conference of the Red Cross Society has just been held at St. Petersburg under the presidency of Adjutant-General Richter. About 100 delegates from various countries attended the conference. One of the interesting resolutions which was adopted suggests "That the Red Cross Societies in different countries be requested to consider the question whether they are prepared to undertake the making of provision for prisoners of war as prescribed by the Hague Convention."

The National Society for the Employment of Epileptics, having lately made arrangements by which accommodation may be provided at their Chalfont Colony, under conditions securing the benefit of such accommodation for patients coming from particular counties or towns, a Hampshire gentleman, who desires to remain anonymous, has volunteered to provide the entire cost (estimated at £4,000) of building and equipping for the benefit of Hampshire cases a home to accommodate twenty-four patients. The plans for the building have already been prepared, and the work is to be commenced immediately.

A mysterious malady has caused the death of hundreds of sheep in Cardiganshire. A peculiar kind of parasite enters the nostrils of the animal and works its way to the brain. A sheep affected soon becomes thin and languid, and its painful snuffing has led farmers to call the disease "snuff."

The small-pox scare in Belfast has reached a crisis. There is something approaching a panic in the neighbourhood of the hospitals, and shopkeepers practically boycott the officials of the health department, and refuse to deliver goods either at the hospital or at their private residences. It is also impossible to get charwomen to clean the house of detention for contacts.

It is said that Leo XIII. employs at the Vatican quite a little army of chambermaids and seamstresses; the latter have to take care of the Pope's wardrobe. The clothes of His Holiness are of so delicate a nature that it was found that men could not handle them with the necessary care, and therefore women were substituted for the valets.

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