

Loan Society, with the object of considering the advisability of transferring its property to the Coronation Nursing Appliances Committee, inaugurated this year. The former Society was formed in 1887 by the Jubilee Committee, who purchased nursing appliances not usually found in villages, but invaluable in cases of sickness. These appliances have now been in almost constant use for fifteen years, and are so worn as to require almost complete renewal. The Secretary stated that during this time they had been of the greatest assistance in dangerous illness, both in the hands of parishioners and at the call of medical men, and on several occasions had probably been the means of saving life. Alleviation of suffering and restoration to convalescence were constant results. In one period of two years, which was a fair indication of the whole, 120 families, representing more than 600 persons, used the Society's appliances with great benefit. It was then agreed that the property of the Society should be transferred to the Coronation Committee, and Messrs. Donald Stuart and Thatcher, the treasurer and custodian of these appliances under the Victorian Loan Society, waived a debt of over £3 due to them, so that the Society's work and appliances might be handed on to the local committee without encumbrance. This is a most useful form of philanthropy which might well be extended to other villages.

Miss Eleanor Susannah Gale, described as the proprietress of a nursing home in Brondesbury Road, Kilburn, was charged at the Guildhall on Tuesday with abandoning a male child. Detective-inspector Phillips said that two similar cases could be proved against the prisoner, who was remanded, bail being refused.

Wedding Bells.

The engagement is announced of Dr. Percival Horton-Smith, of 15, Upper Brook Street, W., and Assistant Physician at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, N.E., to Miss Presland, who holds the position of Ward Sister in the same institution. Dr. Horton-Smith, who is a Bart.'s man and an M.D. of Cambridge, took a first-class in the Natural Science Tripos with a distinction in Physiology. He is a Fellow of the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, and has held the appointments of Casualty Physician, Assistant Medical Tutor, Assistant Demonstrator of Physiology, and of House Physician at St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Miss Presland was trained at the Metropolitan Hospital, in connection with St. John's House, and subsequently was appointed Ward Sister there. She is an exceptionally good nurse, and throughout her nursing career has gained the respect and esteem of those with whom she has been brought in contact.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Both the past and present Treasurers of St. Bartholomew's Hospital came in for Birthday Honours, the King having made both Knights Commanders of the Royal Victorian Order.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have given Mrs. Adrian Hope permission to paint a picture in pastels of their Royal Highnesses' daughter Princess Victoria, to be placed over the cot which the Children's Salon are now working to endow in the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, Bloomsbury. This will be the fifth endowed by "the children of the rich who work for the children of the poor."

The foundation-stone of a nurses' home and offices for the Lambeth Infirmary was laid last week. The Chairman of the Works Committee, Mr. B. W. Bennett, pointed to the enormous increase in the population of Lambeth, and said statistics showed that pauperism increased considerably more than pro rata the increase of the population, and the effect had been keenly felt on the Lambeth Board of Guardians. In these new extensions provision would be made for sixty-two beds and also new relieving stations.

A memorial will shortly be erected within the precincts of the hospital, to the memory of those Guy's men whose lives were lost in the service of their country during the South African War. The memorial will take the form of a drinking-fountain, to be placed in the Colonnade; and a suitable design by Mr. Frederick Wheeler, F.R.I.B.A., has been selected. The Committee is very anxious that the names of all Guy's students, past and present, who lost their lives in the war should be recorded on the memorial. At present the list is as follows:—H. A. Bryant, H. Bernard-Onraet, R. T. Fitz-Hugh, L. J. Hughes, T. Jones, H. Pope-Walker, F. M. Russell, C. B. Sells, F. Welford, S. Whicher.

A doctor who has been studying the resources of hospitals makes a suggestion that the immensely valuable sites of some of them should be surrendered. Of course each district needs a hospital, and propinquity may often save life, but the needs of the several districts would be better served if small accident wards were multiplied, and the central hospital removed to a quieter and less expensive spot. St. George's, for example, is almost the most valuable site in the West End. It is also one of the chief centres of noise.

At the meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, on Saturday, returns were presented showing that during the fortnight ended Thursday, Nov. 6th, six cases of small-pox were admitted to the Board's institutions, and eleven small-pox patients had been discharged recovered, leaving a total number under treatment of twenty-four. A year ago at the same date the number was 258. The outbreak has followed the course which was predicted by the Board's medical men, and if that course continues there will be a recurrence of it during the winter months. Already there are signs of its return. During the past week the discharges have just balanced the admissions, and all the patients,

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