

We quite agree with a contemporary in thinking that the services of those nurses who have been on plague duty in India during the last three years, and who are now returning to this country—their services being no longer required—are worthy of recognition. It is truly pointed out that the work has been more repulsive and dangerous than any undertaken by nurses in South Africa and China, who have received medals and gained unlimited *laudos*.

The basis of reciprocity between the Australasian and the Victorian Associations provides that members on the General Register of each Association may be admitted as members of the other Association on submitting their Certificate of Registration, that neither Association shall register any nurse who has been refused registration by the other, and that the Honorary Secretary of each Association shall immediately report to the other such rejections.

All hospitals recognised as training-schools by one Association to be recognised by the other.

The recognition or withdrawal of recognition of hospitals in Victoria by the Victorian Association will be recognised by the Australasian Association; similarly, the withdrawal of recognition of all hospitals in other States and Colonies by the Australasian Association will be accepted by the Victorian Association. The agreement is signed by the President of each Association on its behalf.

Miss Isabel Harroun, who has been stationed at Iloilo, Philippine Islands, as a nurse of the U.S. Army Medical Corps, has returned to her home in Toledo, O. In regard to life at Iloilo, Miss Harroun reports:—

"Off duty the nurses have a good time. Our quarters are comfortable, with hardwood floors, covered with bright-coloured hemp mats. Although it is always warm, there is a breeze every day, after eleven o'clock, and the climate is delightful. It is pleasant not to have to worry about one's dress. Thin clothes are in order the year round. The Filipinos are noted for their beautiful fibre and silk weaving. It is their chief industry. One finds looms spinning gossamer-like and delicately-tinted fabrics in the most squalid mud-floored huts. From the pineapple and banana fibres come materials comparable in delicacy to our chiffons and organdies, and in durability equal to the finest linen. Much of the church tithing is earned by the sale of these fabrics. The native women peddle them from door to door, and sometimes we had as many as twelve a day. Their embroidery is exquisite, and although there are no butterflies in the Philippines, the graceful insect appears frequently in their designs."

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Lord Lister has completed 50 years of his life as a member of the medical profession. Writing in the *British Medical Journal* Professor Mikulicz, of Breslau, says: "The whole development of surgery in the last twenty-five years is one long hymn in honour of Joseph Lister, and can a page in the history of modern surgery exist without reference to the inventor of the present method of the treatment of wounds!"

The report of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund, submitted at the Annual General Meeting, stated that the thirtieth year of collecting the fund had resulted in a total of £62,669, the largest amount ever collected since it was founded in 1872.

The governing body of the Metropolitan Hospital Saturday Fund, of which Sir Savile Crossley, M.P., is chairman, has decided to close the fund for the current year on January 12th. The amount received to date from the industrial establishments, &c., mainly as the result of the weekly collections, is £17,000, being nearly £500 in advance of the corresponding period of last year. It is hoped that the ultimate total will not fall short of £25,000.

Twenty guineas has been given by Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark towards the cost of a new operating theatre at the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital.

Dr. Patrick Manson states that the commission sent out by the Foreign Society, the Foreign Office, and the London School of Tropical Medicine to consider the disease of sleeping sickness in Uganda has discovered the germ and cause of the disease.

Sir John Williams and Sir William Collins, M.D., are candidates put forward on behalf of the London University for the seat in the House of Commons which becomes vacant by the resignation of Sir Michael Foster at the end of the present Session.

We hope that the funds of the Northern Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, will receive a substantial addition as a result of the bazaar which is being held during the last three days of this week at the Hackney Baths.

The War Office has caused inquiries to be made of each of the Metropolitan Borough Councils as to their willingness to co-operate in a scheme for the establishment of emergency hospitals capable of holding 20,000 sick and wounded.

This step has been taken in view of the possibility of a hostile invasion of London. For years past an arrangement has existed by which certain large hotels and private buildings were to be pressed into service. Now it is proposed to ask the assistance of the municipalities, whose town halls, schools, and concert rooms would in many cases make excellent temporary hospitals.

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