

modation of male patients many years ago, but "is still considered good enough for the poor, wretched women." The wards are dark, depressing, noisy, and fever-stricken, ward fever being by no means unknown, and there is generally a plague of mosquitoes, their breeding-place being probably the native servants' quarters at the back of the wards. Surely in a rich city like Bombay such a reproach should be removed at once.

We have now received some details of the wedding which we briefly announced of Miss Mary Ram, recently Acting Matron of Universities Mission Hospital, Zanzibar, and Dr. Francis Charlesworth, of H.M. Agency, Zanzibar. The wedding took place from the British Consulate, the bride being given away by Mr. Cave, the British Consul in Zanzibar. Her dress was of soft white satin trimmed with lace and chiffon, and she wore a necklace of white sapphires, the gift of the bridegroom. Two little girls, the daughters of Captain Agnew, Port Officer, and of the Italian Consul, acted as bridesmaids. The ceremony, which took place in the Cathedral, was performed by Dr. Hine, Bishop of Zanzibar, vested in cope and mitre, who is a qualified medical man. A reception was afterwards given at the British Agency by Mr. and Mrs. Cave, after which the bride and bridegroom left for Chawaka, where the honeymoon was spent.

The following Nursing Sisters are now on their way home from South Africa:—

In the *Nubia*, Sisters M. Little, E. E. Thomas, A. L. Stuart, and M. Moore.

In the *Briton*, Sisters E. A. Deacon, E. V. Woodman, M. Glann, and H. Stuart.

In the *Ionian*, Sisters M. A. Blair, S. Brown, M. M. McIntosh.

The Passing Bell.

We regret to record the death on February 25th of Sister Louisa Lucy Watt, at the Strangers' Hospital, Rio de Janeiro, of virulent yellow fever. Miss Watt was trained at the General Infirmary, Leeds, under Miss Fisher, and afterwards held the position of Night Superintendent at the Royal Hospital, Belfast. She subsequently joined the Nurses' Co-operation, 8, New Cavendish Street, London, from which she joined the Army Nursing Service Reserve, and acted as Sister on the Hospital Ship *Simla* and in the hospital at Mafeking. Although she had only arrived in Rio de Janeiro at the beginning of December, she had proved a valuable addition to the staff of the Strangers' Hospital, and is deeply regretted by the Matron, Miss Jackson, and the nursing staff.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



At a largely-attended meeting of the Governors of St. George's Hospital, to consider the question of the desirability of the removal of the hospital to a new site, after much discussion for and against a resolution was adopted to "consider" removal after a report from a committee which was appointed to examine and inquire into all the facts and questions involved. The present site of St. George's—magnificent as it is for other purposes—is too inelastic for the work of a scientific, up-to-date hospital.

The London Hospital is reaping a rich harvest from its quinquennial appeal. Messrs. Rothschild will continue to give their subscription of £552 10s. per annum, and the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths have sent a cheque for £3,000 to the hospital, £1,000 being a donation to the general fund and £2,000 towards the extension of the nurses' home.

The twenty-first Congress of the Sanitary Institute will be held at Bradford from July 7th to 11th. The Right Hon. the Earl of Stamford is the President. A comprehensive programme is being arranged.

Sir John Williams, Bart., physician to the Princess of Wales, having retired from practice, has given up his house in Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, and gone to reside at The Plas, Llanstephan, Carmarthenshire.

Foreign financiers are not altogether popular persons in the opinion of the poor; they have a rooted conviction that it is sweated labour which builds up princely fortunes for the capitalist. One observes with satisfaction, therefore, that Sir Ernest Cassel's donation of £200,000 to the King for the foundation of consumption sanatoria has acted as an incentive to Messrs. Wernher, Beit and Company, who are devoting £40,000 to the same beneficent purpose; that is to say, they are bearing the cost of an open-air hospital, which is already in course of construction, and when finished will be handed over to the London Open-air Sanatorium Association by deed as a free gift.

At the meeting of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption the announcement was made that the Sanatorium for Consumptives, near Wokingham, was now complete.

The year's expenditure of the General Hospital, Birmingham, exceeds the income by £6,312, and adding to this the adverse balance of £5,110 brought forward from last year and certain other small losses, the total overdraft on the hospital's bank account is £11,423. This is far from creditable to a wealthy city like Birmingham.

Throughout India there were over a hundred thousand deaths from plague during the past month. The

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