

saw an infant, born three months before term and three days old, lifted out of the incubator to be fed with milk.

The hospital has also a room with four female patients whose chief malady is old age, so that nurses may acquire experience with this class of patient. The nurses are divided into three divisions: (a) regular nurses with a three years' course; (b) extern nurses taking a six months' course, for which they pay 150 francs entrance fee and 2 francs daily; and (c) weekly nurses for midwifery cases, whose course lasts a year. During the first six months of training the nurses must give their services. In the second half-year they receive 10 francs monthly, the second year 300 francs per annum, and the third year 400 francs. Those who have the duty of training juniors are styled *oberschwester*.

From the foregoing description it will be seen that the original idea of the hospital, its financing, administration, and medical work, have all been the result of feminine enterprise. It only remains to be said that seven ladies resident in Zürich form the house committee and hold weekly meetings. In 1902, the first complete year of the hospital's existence, the number of patients admitted was 718

## International News.

During the past week news has been received which will interest the members of the International Council of Nurses in this country, namely, of the meeting of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, its President, and Miss Lavinia L. Dock, its Hon. Secretary, in Amsterdam, when the agenda for the meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Berlin next July was discussed.

During their visit, the International officers were most hospitably entertained at dinner by Miss Kruyssen, Matron of the Wilhelmina Hospital, and an Hon. Vice-President of the Council, who invited Miss Reynvaan, one of the pioneers of nursing in Holland, and an hon. member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, to meet them.

The evening passed all too quickly in the discussion of nursing matters of international interest, and both the hostess and her guests expressed their intention of going to Berlin next year. One thing all were of one mind about, namely, that the precedent set by the Matrons' Council dinner, at the time of the meeting of the International Council of Women in London in 1899, should be repeated, and the hope was expressed that many of the members of the Women's Congress would be the guests of the International Council of Nurses.

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## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King has sent a gift of venison for the use of the patients in Guy's Hospital.



A church parade will be held in Bethnal Green on Sunday in aid of the Mayor's Fund for the London Hospital. The Mayor and Corporation in State will attend evening service at 6.30 p.m. at the Parish Church, Bethnal Green, when a special sermon

will be preached by the rector and a collection taken. The Mayor hopes that any ratepayers who, owing to absence from home or other causes, are unable to attend will send their contributions to the Borough Treasurer, at the Town Hall.

The Rev. F. Lawrence, vicar of Westow, states that he has resigned his living to devote himself to the work of the Burial, Funeral, and Mourning Reform Association, the Church Sanitary Association, and the Church Society for the Promotion of Kindness to Animals, of which he was the founder and is the honorary secretary.

In the course of an address to members of the Church Army in Brunswick Chapel, Mr. Lawrence recently said that preachers in their pulpits and teachers in their schools should, by suitable instruction, effectually aid those many earnest men and women who were labouring strenuously to improve the health of the people. The custom of appointing a medical officer of health by the year should be abolished and fixity of tenure substituted. The national physique depended largely upon the extent to which the teaching of the Catechism, to keep the body in temperance, soberness, and chastity, was carried into effect.

An epidemic of dysentery, which is attributed to the exceptionally wet weather, has broken out at Chelmsford, and there are many serious cases, while hundreds of others are affected less gravely.

Many serious cases resulting from mosquito bites are at present occurring in Essex in the neighbourhood of the Thames, and are being treated in the hospitals. The mosquitoes, which fortunately do not include the anopheles or culex, are supposed to be imported with cargoes to the docks, and no doubt the wet season has been favourable to their multiplication. The danger to be feared in connection with the bite of these pests is that they may inoculate the sufferer with bacilli causing blood-poisoning.

The Governors of the Manchester Children's Hospital at Pendlebury have received a cheque for £500 from Mr. Octavio Kissel in aid of the funds of the institution. At the annual meeting in February it was announced that, in view of the recent extension of the hospital accommodation and the annually recurring deficit, Mr. J. B. Close-Brooks, the treasurer, had offered to contribute £100 per annum for five years if four others would each give a similar amount. Sir William Agnew, the President, Mr. Cyril Dewhurst, and a fourth friend of the hospital thereupon

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