

alarm. The lady of the house was newly-confined, and fortunately there was an American trained nurse present. She ran up at once, and, finding the governess was faint with pain, she had her carried to the house, when she soon became unconscious.

"The nurse laid her down on her bed, closed the door, cut open the wound and sucked it, with no avail. The poor girl died in about half an hour or forty minutes after she was stung, and was quite unconscious till the end, so that, apart from the fright and terrible pain she experienced the first few minutes, she did not suffer.

"The nurse's behaviour was splendid, showing wonderful presence of mind and self-control. She quietly sent the children to bed, telling them their governess was resting. Not a servant in the house knew what had happened, and the lady of the house remained ignorant of everything till next day.

"Of course the nurse sent for the nearest doctor as soon as she could (knowing full well what had happened, but thus fulfilling her professional duty). She also had to send a special messenger to Beyrout to the gentleman of the house, who was on duty in the town. Think of her—a new arrival in the country, not knowing the language, in a village some three hours from the town, with a sick person, a baby, and children to look after, and this young girl dead before she knew where she was!

"A plain deal wooden coffin, unvarnished, unadorned except by the Union Jack which was thrown over it, was brought down next day, and taken straight to the cemetery (we cannot keep our dead longer than twenty-four hours), and was lowered into the grave towards sunset, in the presence of the Anglo-American community and several Kaiserswerth Sisters from the Prussian Hospital. A short Presbyterian service took place, an address was given, and a verse of 'Nearer, my God, to Thee,' was sung. We waited till the thud, thud of the earth was finished; we laid our flowers on the mound, and we came away thinking of the bright, pretty face we all knew and could but love, and we prayed for the sorrowing hearts in her home who would soon hear the sad tidings; and we felt for the nurse who had risked her own life so ineffectually, and who had done her duty so bravely and unselfishly."

The Bulletin of the Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore for June contains a most interesting history of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, by Mr. Thomas McCrae, M.B., illustrated by an engraving of the hospital and its surroundings in the year 1750, before the present blocks were erected. Of course, the old Smithfield Gateway is there, and the open space in front of it is in use as a market. Little herds of cows and sheep are to be seen behind the hurdles. From some of the articles consulted most amusing extracts are quoted. From the records of Harvey, by Sir James Paget, published in 1846, giving the rules he drew up in 1633 and submitted to the Governors by whom they were adopted, we realise that medical etiquette was even then strictly enforced. No. 8 states "That the chirurgions in all difficult cases, or where inward physick may be necessary, shall consult with the Do^r."

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The annual prize-giving which took place at the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, was a well-attended meeting. The President of the School, Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., occupied the chair. Miss Cock, M.D. (the Dean), made a statement of the progress of the School, in which she reported steady work and moderate successes. The latter were better than the previous year, but not so good as they should like to see. They had succeeded in making ends meet. The most notable event of the year was the appointment of Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D., as physician for diseases of women at the Royal Free Hospital, and of Miss E. Vaughan, M.D., as assistant physician. There was still a debt of over £8,000 on the new school buildings, and they must get more subscribers to clear off that debt. Sir John Cockburn, M.D., next distributed the prizes gained, and subsequently delivered an address. He congratulated the School on its past year's work. Referring to the share women now had in the medical profession, he said that even now their work was only commencing, and they might look forward to very interesting times. Speaking from experience, he had observed that women possessed the power of diagnosis to an extraordinary degree. The instinct of divination seemed to be implanted in them, which was most valuable in the higher branches of medicine. Concluding, he once more congratulated the School and the prize-takers on the progress made.

In the presence of a large company, Gen. Sir Richard Harrison recently unveiled, at Guy's Hospital, a memorial to those formerly associated with the institution who fell in the South African war. The memorial has been subscribed for by Guy's men and their friends, and takes the form of a handsome drinking fountain in coloured and polished marbles, from the design of Mr. Frederick Wheeler. It has been placed in the colonnade of the hospital, near to the doorway into Astley Cooper Ward, and bears the following inscription:—"To the Guy's men who died in the South African war, 1899-1901," and "Ante Diem perierunt sed Militantes sed pro patria." Then follow eleven names of those who fell, arranged in the order of the dates at which they entered the hospital.

Dr. Frederick Taylor, senior physician, in formally opening the proceedings, stated that the sum of £260 had been subscribed towards the memorial by students and their friends. Gen. Harrison then paid a touching tribute to the unselfish devotion and patriotism of those whose loss they had to mourn, and Mr. Cosmo Bonsor, treasurer of the hospital, accepted the memorial on behalf of His Royal Highness, the President, and the Governors of the institution. A special service in the hospital chapel followed.

A second important ceremony connected with the hospital took place during the afternoon, this being the opening of the Wills Library, which will take the

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