

and tasteful. White furniture, white bedsteads, white mosquito-nets, white curtains, everything smelt and looked so fresh and wholesome; and, best of all, except for the number of beds in the rooms, there was no distinction of class in the beds and furniture—there was nothing to hurt anybody's feelings. One felt there was kindness, thought, and consideration in all its arrangements—in fact, it seemed to me this was what Lord Cromer had tried delicately to convey to our minds in his speech.

One could but congratulate the Matron and nurses on the result of their share of the work, for they must have worked hard to have succeeded so well. In fact, nothing could have gone off better than this delightful function, and as the carriages rolled away one after the other, one saw nothing but pleasure written on everybody's face, that the good work had begun, and one felt what a happy thing it was to be a nurse, and could but regret that so very few amongst the large number of ladies engaged in nursing who had come as guests had worn their uniforms—a dress so simple and becoming, and of which nurses used to be so proud.

EDLA M. WORTABET.

A MUCH-FELT WANT SUPPLIED.

A new Nursing Home was opened last week by Miss Forrest in Bournemouth. This lady, who has already a Home for private patients and a large Nurses' Institution, has been much impressed by the needs of those who are not able to pay the charges of the Home Hospitals, but who can afford smaller sums and do not wish to become the recipients of charity. The new venture, to be known as the Home of Good Hope, is to be so managed that the fees will just cover expenses, and it will therefore be an immense boon to many a sick person.

The fees are to range from 35s. to 2 guineas a week, and the Home will take about sixteen persons.

As the house has been expressly built for the purpose, it is fitted with many labour-saving appliances; electric light is installed throughout, and radiators take the place of open fireplaces.

There is a most perfect little theatre, well fitted up, and the patients' rooms are as comfortable as those in the most expensive "homes." The walls are distempered with subdued but cheerful tints, and the tiled kitchens, bathrooms, and lavatories are as up-to-date as possible.

We shall watch the progress of the venture with much interest as a practical endeavour to fill a widely-felt want, and we wish Miss Forrest every success in her public-spirited undertaking. H. T.

If any reader would pass on her copy of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING to a nurse who cannot afford to take it in, it would be greatly appreciated by Miss Potterton, Lamington, Suffolk Road, Bournemouth.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



MEDICAL WOMEN.—The report presented at the annual meeting of the London (Royal Free Hospital) School of Medicine for Women last week was of a favourable character as regarded the entry of students and also with respect to their success in examinations. At the University of London two scholarships and two gold medals had been obtained by students of the school. In the matter of hospital appointments also the outlook was good. Several hospitals and infirmaries had for the first time appointed medical women to resident posts, and at the Lambeth Poor Law schools a woman had been selected as medical officer from a large number of candidates. The financial position of the school, it was stated, had improved, but it could never be wholly satisfactory until the debt of £8,000 on the building had been cleared off.

"KING'S" AT THE MANSION HOUSE.—The Lord Mayor, at the request of an influential deputation, has agreed to preside over a public meeting at the Mansion House on Friday, March 11th, in support of the appeal for funds for the removal of King's College Hospital from Lincoln's Inn Fields and its re-erection in Camberwell, in respect of which about £300,000 is required, and £100,000 has been already raised. The Archbishop of Canterbury will be among the speakers.

HELP FOR "QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S."—Madame Melba has promised to sing at a concert in aid of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to be held at Queen's Hall on the afternoon of Thursday, May 5th.

PHYSICALLY DEFECTIVE CHILDREN.—A report presented to the London School Board shows that last year 884,003 mentally and physically defective children were scheduled by that body.

BELGRAVE HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.—Poor children beyond the Thames are badly off for hospital accommodation. Only one cot exists for every 12,000 head of population in South London, compared with one cot per 3,500 head in the northern and richer districts. With this fact in mind the Belgrave Hospital for Children has lately moved from Pimlico, where it was founded in 1867, to Clapham, the centre of the ill-supplied district. Only children of really poor parents are to be admitted to treatment in future, a strict wage limit being fixed for this purpose. Three wings have already been got into order at Clapham, with a babies' ward, in all about thirty-five cots, and necessary staff offices, the Committee being very anxious to raise a further sum of £25,000 to complete and fit the hospital for the urgent work awaiting it.

TOTTENHAM HOSPITAL'S SUCCESSFUL ACTION.—At the Middlesex Sessions last week the Governors of the Tottenham Hospital successfully appealed against the assessment by the Edmonton Assessment Committee.

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