

tives at the Forster Green Hospital was paid for. The Treasurer announced a balance of £1,182, a necessary amount, as over £1,000 is spent during the year, and most of the subscriptions are not paid till December.

The Canadian correspondent of the *British Medical Journal* says:—

The Canadian Nurses' Association has raised the tariff of charges for private nursing, and has issued a number of regulations concerning the hours of work and recreation, which are supposed to be adhered to by those who employ its members. The Montreal Medical Society was requested to uphold the new regulations, and was asked to advise any alterations which seemed necessary. The Council of the Society very wisely refrained from taking any definite action, and replied to the effect that it was not its place to interfere with the rulings of the Association. The main contention of the nurses was that the cost of living had increased, and that of necessity the fees should advance *pari passu*. In reply to this statement, one of the members of the Medical Society pointed out that as the families employing a nurse had to pay for her board and lodging, the argument might well be used on the other side. Further, he said that the value of nursing varied greatly both in regard to the nature of the case and the capacity of the nurse, and, in consequence, no two cases were alike, and the remuneration should be in proportion to the work done. The tax would fall heavily upon the middle classes, who already found difficulty in paying the usual fees. He did not wish anyone to understand that he considered the charges too high, as this could only be found out by experience, and the matter would soon right itself.

Nurses Petition for a Select Committee of the House of Commons.

On Tuesday, the 22nd inst., the Committee of Medical Members in the House of Commons received a deputation, introduced by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, from the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, and discussed with it the question of Registration from various standpoints. The deputation consisted of Lady Helen Munro Ferguson, Mrs. H. J. Tennant, Mrs. McKenzie Davidson, Miss Isla Stewart, Miss Barton, Miss Ross, Miss H. L. Pearse, and Mrs. Fenwick. Resolutions in support of an inquiry into the whole nursing question were handed in from the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses, the Irish Nurses' Association, and the National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland, and it was decided to urge the early appointment of a Select Committee on the subject.

It is to be hoped that those who are opposing the State Registration of Nurses will heartily support the demand for an inquiry into a matter on which there is such a diversity of opinion.

We propose to publish a full account of the interview next week.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



A LOSS TO ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S.—Sir Lauder Brunton has resigned his position as physician to St. Bartholomew's Hospital and has been elected an honorary consulting physician and a governor. Sir Lauder Brunton has been connected for thirty-three years with St. Bartholomew's Hospital, having been four years casualty physician, more than twenty years assistant physician, and nearly nine years full physician. The Sisters and nurses will miss the visits of this popular physician, so courteous in his intercourse with all with whom he came in contact.

SMALL-POX AT THE LONDON HOSPITAL.—Three of the in-patients and two out-patients at the London Hospital were last week found to be suffering from small-pox. They were at once removed to the hospital ships, and the wards in which the cases occurred have been placed in quarantine for three weeks. One physician is placed in charge, and the nurses are separated from the rest of the staff. With the tiled walls and up-to-date appliances at the London, disinfection is an easy matter.

THE ROYAL ORTHOPÆDIC HOSPITAL.—The Royal Orthopædic Hospital, which, as soon as the Charter of Incorporation is obtained, will amalgamate with the National Orthopædic, will vacate the premises it has occupied in Hanover Square since 1854 at Lady Day. Until the new hospital, to contain 200 beds, is built, the "Royal" will occupy temporary premises, placed at its disposal by the authorities of the "National," at 55, Bolsover Street, W.

THE ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST.—At the recent Annual Meeting of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, the Lord Mayor, who presided, drew attention to the financial needs of the hospital, and said when it was remembered that, for three great hospitals, funds amounting in the total to a million sterling were being appealed for, it could be readily understood that the claims of smaller institutions, which nevertheless in their own way did as much work as any of the great hospitals, might be overlooked.

THE LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL.—Sir George Livesey presided last week at the anniversary meeting of the London Temperance Hospital, Hampstead Road, which is always an interesting occasion. Sir William Collins made some remarks on the progress of the hospital from the point of view of the medical staff, and Dr. Dawson Burns spoke of the need for further pecuniary help, especially in annual subscriptions. He stated that the Governors had conferred a gold medal on the Matron, Miss Richardson, in recognition of her ten years' valuable service.

THE BROMPTON BRANCH CONSUMPTION HOSPITAL.—The Committee of the Brompton Consumption Hospital hope to open their new country branch at Heatherside, Camberley, about the end of May or the beginning of June, and they are now arranging for a great function with which to inaugurate the building.

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