

In 1810 a young woman named Anne Marshall came before the Committee of Admission, and was admitted as a patient for two weeks. At the end of two weeks she was not sufficiently well to be sent to her home, so that her stay was prolonged. She made herself in the meantime so exceedingly useful that there was no question of sending her home, and eighteen months afterwards there was a record that the Committee gave her her reward, and promoted her to become assistant nurse. She soon became a full nurse in those days, and she contributed a guinea a year as a subscriber to the hospital. In 1849—that was thirty-nine years after she was admitted—the hospital was in a state of difficulty. There were times of stress, and this good, elderly lady, as she was then, came and gave the treasurer £61, the savings of her lifetime, as a gift to the institution. A tablet recording these facts was placed in the hospital, and recently, when a new building was erected, it was decided to still keep alive the memory of these kindly acts by re-erecting the tablet in a conspicuous position in the new hospital.

Our German cousins are nothing if not thorough, and their provision for rendering medical and nursing aid to the injured in case of accidents in public buildings well illustrates the method in which they give effect to this national quality. Professor von Bergmann recently described the means adopted in Berlin as follows:—A powerful organisation has been established in numerous parts of the city stations where a doctor and trained nurses are on duty day and night to render first aid to the injured. All places where numbers of people assemble for entertainment or otherwise are connected by telephone with the central offices of this organisation, and within a few minutes of an alarm being given fifteen hospital carriages and sixty doctors can be at the scene of the disaster. These would, moreover, be only an advance guard, for further medical assistance could easily be obtained within a very short time.

It is consoling to know, when we attend the International Congress of Women in Berlin in June next, that such skilled assistance awaits us should any accident befall in the halls where the meetings are held.

Stand to Your Work.

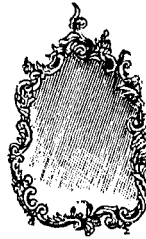
Man is but man when he glories in duty,
Work is the heritage given to all;
High is the soul in its measure of beauty
When proudly it answers to Labour's roll-call.

What though your labour is merely stone-breaking,
Turning or fitting or wielding the spade,
Add to your laurels of manhood by making
An honest day's work as the soul of your trade.

—SIR WILLIAM ALLAN.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



ST. BARTHOLOMEW-THE-LESS.—The church of St. Bartholomew-the-Less, which contains some specimens of Norman and Early English work and a Tudor doorway, although spoilt and disfigured by modern restoration, has an interesting history, and is unique in being surrounded by a parish which consists only of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Under the scheme for the rebuilding of the hospital the church is doomed, and the parish will be merged in that of St. Bartholomew-the-Great.

HELP FOR CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL.—The treasurer of Charing Cross Hospital has received a donation of £1,000 from Mrs. Jane Gabriel for the endowment of a bed in the new wing of the hospital in memory of her husband, the late Mr. Arnold Gabriel.

KING'S REMOVAL FUND.—Mr. Charles Awdry has promised a donation of £500 in aid of the fund for the removal of King's College Hospital to South London.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.—At a meeting of the Council of the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund, held last week at the Mansion House, the Lord Mayor presiding, the Committee of Distribution and the General Purposes Committee were re-appointed. The Lord Mayor and Sir Sydney Waterlow, as President and Vice-President, are members of both Committees *ex-officio*. It may be of interest to note that the Distribution Committee includes the Earl of Stamford, Sir Savile Crossley, M.P., Sir William Church, Captain James Cundy, Mr. Robert Grey, Mr. Herman Hoskier, Mr. F. H. Norman, and Mr. Alfred Willett.

THE VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.—It has now been definitely fixed that the grand bazaar organised by the Countess Cadogan, to be held at the Royal Albert Hall, on behalf of the Victoria Hospital for Children, next June, will take place on the 21st, 22nd, and 23rd of that month.

AT THE SOUTH-EASTERN HOSPITAL.—Approval has been given by the Local Government Board to the proposed reconstruction of the South-Eastern Metropolitan Fever Hospital at an estimated cost of £135,200.

THE FUTURE OF THE HOSPITAL SHIPS.—As the new permanent small-pox hospital of the Metropolitan Asylums Board at Joyce Green, Dartford, is now opened, the hospital ships will no longer be required for isolation purposes, and it is proposed after disinfection and exposure to the open air to offer them for sale. Personally we are of opinion that these ships have served their purpose and should be accorded honourable sepulture.

"BEDLAM" TO BE CLOSED.—The Court of Governors of the Bethlem Royal Hospital, taking into consideration the recent disastrous fire at Colney Hatch, has decided to close the hospital for several months while full arrangements are being made for a complete

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