

Mrs. Weir, sending her first impressions of St. Luke's Hospital, Chemulpo, Korea, writes:—

"Our little hospital, St. Luke's, belonging to the English Church Mission, had been lent to the Japanese for the Russian sailors who were wounded in the battle of Chemulpo on February 9th, but they had all gone by the time we arrived, and part of the hospital was already being pulled down for very necessary repairs. It was still very cold, with sharp frosts every night, but the country all round, though quite bare, looked dry and scorched a little, like England after a hot summer.

"This is now all changed, and spring is far advanced; the fruit-trees are laden with blossom, which, I believe, can only be beaten in Japan, and we are told that, as in Japan, they bear very little besides blossom.

"Our little house stands on the top of a hill overlooking the sea, with the town below and the hospital behind. We have a lovely view all round of rich green hills, quite a different colour to English hills, and the harbour, which is dotted with islands, also green.

"I must not forget one curious custom of the Korean women: they never go out without something over their heads; the poorer classes use an apron, but the ladies have handsome green silk coats with plum-coloured collar and cuffs, which they wear over their heads, but never put their arms into the sleeves till after they are dead, when they are dressed in them. There is a legend that the women once helped to defend their country, and as a reward were allowed military coats on condition that they did not put them on, but I don't know whether that is true."

Sir Julian Goldsmid Home of Rest for Nurses.

The resignation of Mrs. McIntyre of the Matronship of Sir Julian Goldsmid's Home for Nurses, Brighton, will cause genuine regret to many nurses who during her term of office have visited the Home and enjoyed its comfortable arrangements. It has been decided to close the Home for a fortnight for spring cleaning, and it will be re-opened on April 1st, so that those nurses wishing to enter at that date can do so by applying as usual to the Matron, 12, Sussex Square, Brighton.

Mrs. Lionel Lucas with her usual generosity has kindly sent a donation of £30 towards the maintenance fund of the Home of Rest. We have also received £10 10s. from Mr. Charles Harrison, £10 10s. from Mr. F. L. Lucas, £5 5s. from Dr. Bedford Fenwick, and £2 2s. from Mr. Stephen Holland. Experience proves that an annual sum of £200 has always been required in excess of the payments of the nurses to keep the Home up to the standard of comfort for which it is famed. Someday, perhaps, those nurses who appreciate it will help the Hon. Secretary to obtain this yearly sum.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King, on the recommendation of the Home Secretary, has been pleased to appoint Mr. James Craufurd Dunlop, M.D., to be an additional member of the Royal Commission on the Care and Control of Defective and Feeble-minded Persons.

Queen Alexandra and Princess Henry of Prussia have sent subscriptions to the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children and Women, and Prince and Princess Charles of Denmark have also contributed liberally.

The Duchess of Albany presided at a meeting convened by the Ladies' Association of the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Women and Children, held last week in the new building, the object of which was to obtain further donations to defray the cost of the new hospital, which is now practically completed. Her Royal Highness was supported by Princess Alexander of Teck, Princess d'Erbach, the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs. Davidson and others.

Mr. J. Topham Richardson, the Hon. Treasurer, said there was still a sum of £19,994 to be collected. The cost of maintenance would be about £9,000 a year. They proposed to open two wards only in June, unless money was forthcoming to an extent which they hardly dared to anticipate. The Archbishop of Canterbury said that the hospital had a long history and the public were apt to think that such places handed down from the past did not require any help, and they were overlooked. The Duchess gave a detailed account of the sums received by the Ladies' Association, and announced that a friend had given a sum to cover the working expenses for a year so that every penny collected would go to the hospital. She felt sure the remainder of the sum needed would soon be subscribed.

The Duke of Portland will take the chair at a festival dinner in aid of the funds of the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, E., on Monday, May 22 next.

Lord Cawdor, Treasurer of the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C., presiding last week at the Annual General Meeting of the hospital, in moving the adoption of the Report, spoke of the large sum which the Hospital had to spend in rates, which meant that £8 had to be paid every week before they could expend a penny upon the patients. It was hoped that Parliament would soon take action with a view to the removal of this burden on hospitals. Reference was also made to the loss the hospital had sustained in the death of its late Secretary-Superintendent, Mr. G. A. Cross.

The question of the possibility of the infection of small-pox from small-pox hospitals conveyed by wind to houses in the neighbourhood was discussed at a meeting of the Royal Sanitary Institute at Newcastle on Saturday. Dr. Buchanan, of the Local Govern-

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