

and thus help our poorest to have the best, as was the desire of the late Queen when she first endowed the scheme. I can only repeat again there is no need for the cry, 'We cannot afford.' With well-organised funds between the offerings (which ought to be greatly increased) from patients able to pay, from subscriptions from our well-to-do tourists and our permanent landed class, Parish Council grants, as well as grants from our Queen's Council, there is the 'way' if we all have the will." We are quite at one with Lady Victoria Campbell's wish "that our poorest should have 'the best,' as it was undoubtedly the intention of the late Queen when she founded the Jubilee Institute for Nurses.

The hospital of the Cambridge Mission in Delhi and the South Punjab has suffered severely in the recent earthquake, and it has been found necessary to abandon it, only keeping open a dispensary. Nurses who are in a position to realise what a deprivation this is at a time of inevitable destitution and consequent sickness will sympathise with the appeal which is being made to those at home for funds to build a new hospital. £2,000, which is all that is appealed for, seems a modest sum in this connection. The appeal was strongly supported at a meeting at the Church House by Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D., who said that when Queen Victoria sent for her at Windsor and told her to speak unreservedly, she had had to tell Her Majesty that a large number of lives were lost because the Indian women refused to see male doctors; and the Queen authorised her to say that she was thoroughly convinced of the necessity of sending out medical women. It was to be hoped that Queen Victoria's example and interest in the women of India would still be an operative force in this country. The work of midwives and nurses is also an inestimable boon to the women of India, and the value of their services is specially brought out in such seasons as the present, when plague, pestilence, and famine are prevalent.

Sir Walter Foster writes in the *Daily Mail* that he is not aware of any facts that would justify a serious apprehension of an invasion of cholera this year, although an invasion is always possible; but he adds: "There is a danger which is much more serious, and that is the extreme probability of an invasion of plague. The endemic settlement of the plague in India is the great source of peril."

The Passing Bell.

We regret to learn of the death of Miss Daisy Shawyer, a nurse at the Isle of Wight County Asylum. Miss Shawyer, whilst riding down a hill near Carisbrook Castle, was thrown from her bicycle and was killed. This sad event has naturally cast a gloom over the institution at which she was a worker.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



To the meeting at the Mansion House held on Monday in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, the Queen sent the following sympathetic message through Dr. Barnardo:—"The Queen wishes you every success in your endeavour and Godspeed in your good work," and a resolution was passed requesting the Lord Mayor to send to the Queen the following reply to her message:—"The meeting in aid of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, assembled this afternoon in the Mansion House, heard with gratification the Queen's kind message of sympathy and good will, and desires to offer your Majesty respectful and hearty thanks." The Lord Mayor further announced that he would continue personally to receive gifts in aid of Dr. Barnardo's founders' day funds.

As President of the City of London Hospital, Victoria Park, E., the Duke of Connaught has consented to open the Nurses' Home at the hospital on Wednesday, July 26th, at 4 p.m. He will probably be accompanied by the Duchess and Princess Patricia.

The Duchess of Connaught, Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein, the Countess of Wemyss, Amy Lady Tate, the Hon. Lady Desart, the Hon. Mrs. Newdigate, Mrs. Boyd Carpenter, Mrs. R. W. Burnet, Mrs. Murdoch, Mrs. Reckitt, and Miss Amy Hill have become vice-presidents of the Ladies' Association in connection with the Great Northern Central Hospital. It has been decided to make a resolute effort next year to raise funds for the purpose of providing a convalescent home.

King Edward's Hospital Fund has been informed by Sir Frederick Cook, M.P., and Sir Henry White, the executors under the will of the late Mr. Francis Wyndham Cook, that the sum of £12,500 has been allotted to the fund out of the £25,000 left by the testator to be paid in their discretion to any central fund for London hospitals. As already announced, the other moiety has been given to the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund.

At a meeting of Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, held at the College for the election of four members of the council, the result of the poll was as follows:—Mr. Edmund Owen (re-elected), of St. Mary's Hospital, 512 votes; Mr. Rickman J. Godlee (re-elected), of University College Hospital, 471; Mr. C. H. Golding-Bird, of Guy's Hospital, 480; and Mr. W. Harrison Cripps, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 373.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Association of the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children and Women, held at Derby House, St. James's Square, the Duchess of Albany presiding, it was unanimously agreed to hold a grand bazaar at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, on Thursday and Friday, June 14 and 15, 1906, in aid of the Building Fund of the Hospital.

The treasurer of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children (Mr. F. Leonard A. Gibbs) has received a special donation of £3,000 towards the required £7,000.

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