

organising has been got over let us hope, and the result is that nameless air of smartness and good discipline as one goes through the hospital, which only general efficiency proceeding from good management can shed over all the members of the staff, and the wards, and offices under their care.

There is comfort, too, in the lofty, roomy, airy wards, old though they are, and everything looks well cared for and as if the most was made of it. A hospital like this of between fifty and one hundred beds is always a difficult one to work adequately for the Matron, on whom so much falls that her sisters of the larger schools relegate to Assistant Matrons, and Miss Evans must feel very proud of the very visible results of her year of strenuous labour. She must feel gratified too at the support her efforts have received from the Committee and medical staff. It now remains for the inhabitants of Whitehaven and the surrounding districts served by the infirmary, rich and poor alike, to do their utmost to finish what has been so well begun, to make of the hospital in their midst an institution of the utmost value, and one in which pride may be justly taken and to endeavour to render an adequate pecuniary support to that institution. I should have mentioned that the off-duty times are good. The probationers get two hours daily, one half-day a fortnight, one whole day monthly, Sundays, alternate mornings and evenings, fortnight's holiday two first years, three weeks, holiday third year. Sisters, half-day weekly.

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Nursing at the Antipodes.

Miss Alice Rochfort, a registered New Zealand nurse, who was trained at the Wellington Hospital, New Zealand, and was for some time Matron of the Government Sanatorium for Consumptives, is now on a visit to this country. She speaks in high terms of the beneficent action of the Nurses' Registration Act, which has now been in force there for four years. It is not only of proved utility to both doctors and nurses, but it has been most useful in bringing the training schools into line, and in improving their systems of education on account of the healthy rivalry induced between them by the Central Examination instituted under the Act. The benefit to the public is also obvious. They can now distinguish between the fully trained and the amateur, and they are not slow to recognise this advantage, or to avail themselves of the services of nurses whose knowledge has stood the test of the examination imposed.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Hospitals in the County of London or within seven miles of Charing Cross desiring to participate in the grants made by King Edward's Hospital Fund for London for the year 1906 are requested to make application before the 31st inst. to the hon. secretaries, 81, Cheapside.

Mr. Godfrey Hamilton, who has been awarded a prize essay on the subject of Economical Hospital Management, argues that "co-operation is the watchword for the future," and that hospitals should combine, and should not any longer work independently as though the interests of one were special to it instead of being general to all.

An Emergency Fund appeal is now being made to meet the pressing needs of Charing Cross Hospital. In support of this a public meeting was held at His Majesty's Theatre on Thursday, 15th inst. The Earl of Kilmorey, President of the Hospital, was in the chair and briefly sketched the history of the hospital from its small beginning as a dispensary in 1818 to its present enlarged, complete, and perfect condition. The hospital was now in great financial straits, and £120,000 was required to clear off their liabilities. In anticipation of this appeal over £6,000 had been received during the last five weeks. By energy and determination he hoped to do for Charing Cross Hospital in the West End that which the Hon. Sydney Holland had so admirably accomplished for the London Hospital in the East End.

The Bishop of London moved, and Mr. Harben seconded:—"That this meeting pledges itself to use every effort to raise the sum of £120,000 to pay off the debt of the hospital."

The Rev. S. Singer, in supporting the resolution, bore eloquent testimony to the beneficent work carried on by the Charing Cross and other hospitals for the community, without distinction of race or creed.

In replying to a vote of thanks for the use of the theatre, Mr. Tree suggested that a ladies' committee should be formed to make a thorough canvass of the district.

The Chairman announced that a festival dinner in aid of the funds of the Hospital would be held at the Hotel Cecil in May, when Mr. Whitelaw Reid, the American Ambassador, would preside.

Mrs. Humphry Ward, presiding at the Annual Meeting of the New Hospital for Women last week, said that in the early days of the movement for the better education of women, it was asserted that it would produce highly-cultivated women but with withered hearts. Anyone who went round that hospital and witnessed the way it was managed would see how unfounded was that idea.

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