

Japanese. Monthly average of patients, thirty-five; treatment free to the poor, and from one to two dollars a day to others. Every Wednesday morning a Japanese minister from the Methodist church conducts a religious service, which all patients, who are able, attend. We saw them gathered in a room for that purpose. To add interest to our visit, we were taken up a flight of stairs in a tower and shown a veritable Japanese room with glass sliding doors and windows; the floor was covered with padded mats; mottoes and pictures adorned the walls; there was the *Toko* at one end with cupboards above, as always seen in Japanese dining-rooms, and on one shelf reposed an image of the Japanese 'God of Plenty.' This room is the private office of the head physician, and here are held his consultations with members of his staff and the trained nurses. All put off their shoes when entering, and mats and cushions are conveniently placed on the floor for kneeling or sitting.

We were told that Dr. Kobayashi is so successful a surgeon in special lines, that white women sometimes come to the hospital to be under his treatment.

The Chinese hospital is off King Street, and the approach through a narrow road, with cottage residences on either side, and from that we walked through a long lane to the garden of the hospital. Here, to my surprise, we found a woman physician in charge, Dr. Minette Burnham, a graduate of the Medical University of Philadelphia. Dr. Burnham had spent a year in China, at Shanghai, and had gone home for a rest, expecting to return to her post, when persuaded by the Board of Missions here to take charge of the Chinese hospital. Her work already has been remarkable.

Honolulu has an asylum for the insane. The Territory also maintains a free dispensary. Here are found all facilities for surgery and medicine for the poor. Specialists give treatment for the eye and ear.

An excellent marine hospital service exists.

The government maintains hospitals on the islands of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai. Some of the large sugar plantations have their own hospitals and physicians.

We rejoice that all over God's world the blessed ministry of the hospital is reaching out to do its share for the cause of human brotherhood, helping to speed the day when all mankind shall strive to make true the couplet of the old English poet, of whom Field said, "He sang for a century in advance of his time":—

"Never elated while one man's oppressed,
Never dejected while another is blessed."

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Lord Ludlow, treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has received from Mrs. Shaw, in memory of her husband, Mr. W. T. Shaw, a governor, who was for many years closely associated with the hospital, a donation of £1,000, of which £500 is to be allocated to the general building fund and £500 to the new nurses' home fund.

The governing body of the college of the London Hospital has, like that of St. Bartholomew's Medical College, decided not to transfer the education in the earlier subjects of medical study to the centres which have recently been established. The London Hospital Medical College will continue to be a complete medical college where the student of medicine will be able to obtain continuous and co-ordinated instruction in all branches of professional study, preliminary scientific, intermediate, and advanced.

Mr. Alderman Thomas, at a recent meeting of the Marylebone Guardians, said that the House Committee, of which he is Chairman, considered that steps should be taken at once to discourage young women utilising the workhouse for the purpose of illegitimate confinements. It had been shown, he said, that in one London workhouse, in a certain period, no fewer than 2,000 women had been confined, 1,900 of whom were unmarried. The Chairman of the Board said that when he first became connected with the Board there was an annual average of 1,000 single women confined in the workhouse. This is a terrible testimony.

Mr. H. Hobhouse, M.P., has offered a free site for an isolation hospital at Wincanton, Somerset. He will also lend the money for the buildings at a low rate of interest.

There is sound sense in the contention of the Bishop of Manchester who declares that religion and science are close allies. What is the use, he asks, of providing perfect sanitation for a man who is undermining his health by debauchery, and what is the good of praying for the holiest of men if he is to be poisoned by bad air or tainted food.

Fifty actions for damages for sums totalling nearly £4,000 were entered against Basingstoke Borough Council by sufferers from the recent outbreak of typhoid, which was caused by the town water. A committee of claimants was formed, who, with the Ratepayers' Association, adjusted the claims, and the Council has agreed to pay £1,670 15s. in settlement, without prejudice and with denial of liability. The town is now supplied with water from a fresh source.

The Minister of the Colonies reports a case of yellow fever which was notified recently at Dakar

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