

only department in which names were shown alphabetically, with the exception of army chaplains. The arrangement could not affect the question of foreign service as it was laid down that those who had been longest at home would, as a rule, proceed first abroad.

An extraordinary complaint was made last Saturday by a mother to Mr. John Troutbeck, Coroner at Lambeth, who held an enquiry respecting the death of her 10 months' old child in St. Thomas's Hospital. She asserted "she took the child who had upset a pot of tea on himself to St. Thomas's Hospital on Sunday and waited half-an-hour before a doctor came, and then a nurse had to show him how to dress the injuries." The reason for this was evidently to be found in the evidence of a house surgeon, Mr. Reginald Cox, who said that, "on Sunday a dresser saw the child, knowing that he (witness), was busy." The dresser was not a medical man.

The Coroner reminded the witness that the fact of an institution being a public one does not relieve one from the obligations of calling a registered medical man, and added: "Do you mean to say whether or not the child was to be admitted was settled by a dresser?" The witness replied in the affirmative, but said that the child was seen on the following day by a house surgeon. The witness also endeavoured to place responsibility on the mother, saying that "instead of waiting so long, if the mother thought the child was so bad she ought to have spoken to a nurse." As the mother brought the child to the hospital on the Sunday when the accident occurred, on the following day (Monday), when she again drew attention to its condition, and on the Wednesday, when it was admitted, we think the mother did her duty and should not be blamed for the slackness in the out-patient department at St. Thomas' Hospital.

It is unquestionable that every case taken to a hospital should be seen by a registered medical practitioner. We hope that the day will also come when no unqualified student is sent out by hospitals to attend midwifery cases unsupervised. If there are no qualified medical practitioners to undertake this duty, then certified midwives should be employed. The present method is most unfair to the poor.

At the opening meeting of the winter session of the Irish Nurses' Association, which will be held at 86, Lower Leeson St., Dublin, on Monday next, a good muster of members is expected. The meeting will be held at 3 o'clock, the members attending in indoor uniform. Her

Excellency, the Countess of Aberdeen, has consented to be present.

On Saturday evening, 17th inst, Mr. Richard White gave a most interesting and instructive lecture to the members of the Irish Nurses' Association, in the Association Rooms, 86, Lower Leeson Street, Dublin, his subject being "With a Camera through Russia." The lecture was illustrated by many beautiful lantern slides, made from photographs taken by the lecturer himself, often under most amusing circumstances, as he incidentally explained during the course of his descriptive address, which was very thoroughly enjoyed by all present. A cordial vote of thanks was passed with acclamation and conveyed to Mr. White by Miss Kelly, Lady Superintendent of Steeven's Hospital, and President of the Association, who presided.

Dr. William Calwell lectured last week to the members of the Ulster branch of the Irish Nurses' Association in the Museum, College Square North, Belfast, on the Digestive Functions. The lecture, which was a most interesting one, was followed with close attention and greatly appreciated by those present.

A romance of the voyage of the hospital ship Maine to South Africa during the Boer war has been recalled by the suicide at Buffalo of Dr. Rodman, who during an attack of scarlet fever blew his brains out.

It will be remembered that he became engaged to an amateur lady nurse on the Maine, but married an American trained nurse who died distressingly soon—five months after the wedding!

Miss Mary Jayne Cole, the President of the Buffalo Nurses' Association, spoke some helpful words on "Charity" in an address at the opening of the Club year, from which we give the following extract:—

"The Association has always stood for good work, for broad mindedness, for strength. Its officers have ever struggled for the *right*, and though some of our most faithful workers have found it necessary to withdraw from the band, we heartily resolve that their efforts shall not have been in vain, that their example shall not be forgotten, that the work shall still go on.

"While '*work*' may well have been your watchword for the past years, I wish to give you for the year upon which we are now entering the watchword of *charity*.

"Let that virtue, that vital element of our civilisation, guide you in all your dealings with humanity during the year; compel yourselves to view all questions with charity before any decision is made. Keep the word ever before you, above all others:

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