

extreme neatness of the nurses' heads in these days of artistic coiffures was noticeable. Sauce rolls, kissing curls, fringes, and birds' nests! What ceaseless war we made on them all as a Matron. Even now, full of prejudice, we would have every nurse part her hair down the middle, which proves how sweet are the notes, in middle age, of grandmamma's proverbial cuckoo.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King Edward's Hospital Fund for London Bill was on Thursday, March 7th, read for a second time in the House of Lords.

Mr. Herbert Samuel, Under-Secretary for the Home Department, will introduce into the House of Commons, in a modified form, the Poisons and Pharmacy Bill of last session. It is proposed to send it to a Select Committee, with power to consider such disputed points as whether companies owning drug stores should be allowed to call themselves "chemists and druggists," and whether the Bill should apply to Ireland.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has sent a portrait of the late Queen Victoria to be hung in the Nurses' Home of the New Somerset Hospital, Cape Town, which was built in memory of her Majesty.

The Marquis of Londonderry presided last week at a large meeting at Londonderry House, convened by the invitation of the Marchioness of Londonderry, in support of the National League for Physical Education and Improvement. The objects of the League, as tersely expressed in last year's report, are "to save the babies, to train the children, to influence the youths and maidens, and to instruct the parents." In expressing his sympathy with the objects of the League, the Chairman said that he much regretted that that portion of Mr. Birrell's Education Bill which referred to the medical inspection of elementary schools, had not passed into law. It was also most important that children and parents should be instructed in hygiene, and the rules of health, for if children were to profit by teaching they must be kept in good health.

The Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene was constituted at a general meeting convened at the Colonial Office two months ago, and the report of the Committee appointed to draw up rules and constitution will be presented at a meeting to be held next Friday afternoon at the Royal College of Physicians, Pall Mall. Referring to these rules and constitution, the *Journal of Tropical Medicine* expresses the hope that they "will prove acceptable to oversea supporters. The interests of those

resident abroad have not been neglected, for, in fact, the society is primarily meant to serve their ends and needs. We are quite aware that the addition of yet another medical society to the many in existence may be viewed with some hesitation; but if ever a society was wanted, it is one whereby the several thousands of medical men dwelling in tropical and sub-tropical countries, and scattered as they are throughout the world, might be furnished with a centre and headquarters at which the subjects they are interested in may be focussed and dealt with."

At an executive meeting of the Special Appeal Committee of the Royal Waterloo Hospital, it was recently announced that the Duke of Argyll had kindly consented to preside at the festival dinner to be held at the Savoy Hotel on May 14th.

Mr. George Cooper, M.P., giving evidence before the Royal Commission on the Care and Control of the Feeble-Minded, said that the Medical Superintendents of Lunatic Asylums were greatly overworked, and in some cases had not visited the wards for two years. Their duties were really more those of clerks or hotel proprietors than of medical men. He was in favour of women being appointed inspectors of asylums.

The urgent need for the improvement and re-organisation of the Medical Health Service was insisted on at a meeting of the Incorporated Society of Medical Officers of Health, held at the Society's offices in London on Friday. It was generally agreed that the present condition was one of chaos, and that the pressing need was guaranteed security of tenure to medical officers, with supervision of salaries by the Local Government Board, and the provision of clerical assistance.

The Archdeacon of Surrey, writing from The Close, Winchester, makes an appeal for funds on behalf of the Hostel of St. Luke, Nottingham Place, W., a hospital and nursing home for the clergy of the Church of England and their families. At the annual meeting the Bishop of London, who presided, said of the Hostel: "When I have been there I have always been struck with three things. First of all, the wonderful atmosphere of love and charity which pervades the whole institution; secondly, the extraordinary recoveries that have been made there; and thirdly, the lasting gratitude of the patients. It has been demonstrated as a fact, about which there can be no doubt, that an enlarged building is necessary. Her Majesty the Queen has shown great interest in the work, and has sent £100 towards the building fund.

The Treasurer of the Royal Ear Hospital, Dean Street, Soho, gratefully acknowledges £82 9s., per Mr. Macleod Yearsley, F.R.C.S., and Mr. Thomas C. Brice, being proceeds of a ball given on January 31st in aid of the funds of the hospital.

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