

clear voice audible throughout the ward. Prayers were then offered by the Dean of Westminster, after which a vote of thanks to her Royal Highness for performing the ceremony, as well as for accepting the office of President of the Hospital, was proposed by Mr. J. S. Fletcher, M.P. He said that the value of the work of the hospital was no longer an open question, it had been proved up to the hilt. The Mayor of Westminster, Mr. G. W. Tallents, seconded, and said that there was no one more ready to lend powerful help to any useful project than the Duchess of Albany. When he thought of the large area over which the City of Westminster was responsible for looking after the public health, he welcomed any assistance from outside, and rejoiced to think that the present hospital had been inaugurated under such happy auspices. He hoped it would form a curative centre, and would inculcate intelligent and intelligible rules, which would have the effect of checking the present dreadful infantile mortality.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, tea was served, and the hospital was then inspected by some of the visitors under the kind guidance of the Matron, Miss Chippindall, and Sister Lydia Edwardes, a nurse in whose hands the most deplorable specimens of infantile humanity seem to thrive.

Legal Matters

NURSE CONVICTED OF THEFT.

Nurse Bennett, living in Fernlea Road, Balham, was charged at the South-Western Police Court recently with stealing a diamond ring and a large quantity of other articles, valued at nearly £100, the property of Mrs. Elizabeth Duck, an elderly lady, residing at West Bank, Balham Hill. Nurse Bennett was originally charged with the theft of the diamond ring, but since her arrest Det.-Sergt. Harvey, who made exhaustive inquiry into the matter, found that Mrs. Duck had been robbed to a far greater extent, the whole of the property having been taken while prisoner was engaged nursing the lady in her illness. Mr. de Grey passed sentence of two months' imprisonment in the second division.

As there is no means, pending the passing of a Nurses' Registration Act, of removing a woman convicted of a criminal offence from the nursing ranks, at the end of two months Nurse Bennett will be free to again gain entrance to the homes of the public as a private nurse.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Their Majesties the King and Queen, respectively Patron and President of the British Red Cross Society, have given their patronage to the International Red Cross Conference to be held in London in June next.

At a General Court of Governors held at Guy's Hospital last week, Dr. F. Taylor was appointed consulting physician on his retirement from the acting staff, Dr. L. E. Shaw was appointed physician in the room of Dr. Taylor, and Mr. A. F. Hertz, M.B., was appointed assistant physician.

The Bill promoted to obtain the incorporation of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, which has already passed the Upper House, has been reported for second reading in the House of Commons.

Sir Victor Horsley, speaking in Canning Town last week, said that the teaching of hygiene and temperance in schools should be imperative, and there should be a physical register in which the chest and other measurements of the children should be recorded. At the Board of Trade there should be a central medical department, to which reports based on those records should be sent, and there ought to be periodical inspection, so as to allot the proper courses of instruction and remedy physical defects.

The Sanatorium at Benenden, opened by Princess Christian last week for consumptive patients, has a special interest because it not only aims at the treatment and cure of tuberculosis, but hopes to show that to treat and endeavour to cure the working class consumptive in sanatoria is an economy to friendly societies, whose interest it will, therefore, be to found such sanatoria. The experiment is one, therefore, of great importance, and will be watched with much interest. The Sanatorium, when complete, will contain 200 beds, and simplicity is one of its characteristics, for the promoters hold that one of the chief benefits of sanatorium life is to teach the patients to carry out in their daily lives the lessons there learnt, therefore luxurious surroundings have been carefully avoided. The staff hold for their greatest allies the fresh, pure air, and healthful surroundings in which the Sanatorium is set, good food, disinfection, and constant medical supervision. In connection with the two farms in the Sanatorium grounds, convalescents will gradually be able to become accustomed to manual work, this work being carefully adjusted to the capacity of the individual patient.

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