

Miss Morris, the Matron of the General Hospital, Bristol, writes that she has intimated to her committee that she will be resigning, but she is not thinking of vacating office until the extension of the hospital is furnished and opened.

At the annual meeting of the West Suffolk Hospital, at which Sir Walter Greene, Bart., presided, the committee, in their annual report, tendered their thanks to the Matron, Miss Harris, and the Nursing Staff, for their efforts to maintain the efficiency of the hospital and the comfort of the inmates. Such recognition is always appreciated by the nursing staff of a hospital.

The Mayor of Brighton, Alderman Slingsby Roberts, at the annual Court of Governors of the Sussex County Hospital, in moving the adoption of the report, said he knew intimately a great deal that had gone on in the hospital, and he realised the sincere work that the chairman and all the officials did for the benefit of the hospital, and how they strived to improve it. He spoke of the necessity of following the example of other provincial hospitals in discontinuing the practice of charging a premium to those probationers who came to be trained as nurses. In this connection, the report stated that the premium charged to probationers had been reduced on a previous occasion, but a sufficient number of applications was not forthcoming, and the falling-off seemed likely to be permanent. The result of this was that paid nurses had to be engaged to take the place of the unpaid probationers; now, however, since the change had been made, the staff has been brought up easily to full strength again. At the same time, the conditions of their engagement have been reconsidered, and a full scheme drawn up for courses of lectures and examinations, which must be completed before a probationer is entitled to her certificate.

#### THE SCHOOL NURSES' LEAGUE.

A meeting of the School Nurses' League was held on February 26th, at 431, Oxford Street, W. In spite of the wet weather and the influenza fiend, a good number of members arrived in time for tea. Afterwards, Miss Pearse, the President of the League took the chair, and rules and regulations were discussed and adopted. Miss L. M. Griffin, 3, Kinfauns Road, Goodmayes, Essex, is the Secretary, and will be pleased to give information to any School Nurse, who would like to join the League.

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Queen has sent a donation of £10 to the "Marie Celeste" Samaritan Society of the London Hospital. At the annual general meeting of the Society it was reported that the number of patients assisted during the past year was 7,815, being an increase of 507 over 1906.

The Princess of Wales, attended by Lady Mary Forbes-Trefusis, last week made an informal inspection of the Grosvenor Hospital for Women and Children, Vincent Square, Westminster. Her Royal Highness was conducted by Dr. Gibbons, the senior physician, Mr. W. J. Davidson, the secretary, and Miss Phillips (the Matron), round the building, and expressed her pleasure at the arrangements of the institution.

The Committee of Management of the Samaritan Fund of St. Thomas's Hospital are appealing for additional subscribers, as the demands on the Fund have been exceptionally heavy during the past year. They do so with the more confidence because the Fund is strictly administered on the principle of helping those who help themselves, and no less than 12 per cent. of the expenditure was provided by the patients themselves. During the first week of January Mr. Peter Reid, to whose generosity the hospital has been so greatly indebted in the past, offered the use of five additional beds at the Hospitals Convalescent Home at Swanley, which he founded and endowed, and which receives cases which other Convalescent Homes will not take. St. Thomas's has now 35 beds in this home, and is deeply grateful for them.

Mrs. Frederick Gutierrez Henriques has just given to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, a sum sufficient to provide for the complete equipment and furnishing of the new operating theatre in the Clarence Memorial wing.

There was a very good attendance at the Annual Meeting of the supporters of the London Homoeopathic Hospital, W.C., on Friday, February 28th, when the Right Hon. the Earl of Cawdor, Treasurer of the Hospital, presided. Mr. E. A. Attwood, the Secretary, who submitted the 58th Annual Report, was able to state that the whole of the Building Extension Fund of £30,000 had all been paid in and invested with the exception of £1,770 to be paid during 1908. A warm tribute was paid to the late Sir Henry Tyler, for ten years Chairman of the House Committee, and a great benefactor of the hospital.

An amateur performance of "Lady Huntworth's Experiment" in aid of the Children's Sanatorium at Holt, Norfolk, will take place on March 18th at the Royal Albert Hall Theatre. The need for

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