

Sir Hector C. Cameron said they were invited there by the Lord Provost for the purpose of recognising, of welcoming, and might he say of honouring the great nursing sisterhood of the city of Glasgow. To such an occasion no man who, like himself, had spent his life in the practice of the healing art, could by any possibility be indifferent, for all medical men of the present day were willing to acknowledge that nurses were their essential collaborators and partners in the treatment of the sick. Without their help medical men would not be merely handicapped, but would be absolutely helpless. That fact reminded him that the great profession of nursing, which was now well organised and crowded, and which had rendered itself indispensable alike to the community and the medical profession, was an institution of comparatively modern origin, and he could not help thinking that the main reason why it had made such rapid progress in the space of 30 or 40 years was that the tending of the sick was absolutely and indisputably the work of women. The male nurse was to his mind, and always had been, an absolute irrelevancy. He should like to say, in concluding, that when the Lord Provost and Lady Bilsland did honour to the nursing profession they very greatly gratified that other profession to which he (the speaker) belonged.

At the recent annual meeting of the Alyth and Meigle Nursing Association, at which Sir John Kinloch, Bart., presided, the annual report, presented by the Secretary, Miss Aglen, stated that the nurse had paid 6,842 visits to 465 patients during the year, an increase of 2,516. There was no doubt that the nurse was greatly overworked, but there was no use talking of a second one. It was decided to invest £505 5s. 3d., the proceeds of a bazaar. We think the Committee would be well advised to invest the money in the health of the nurse, by giving her increased help, rather than in gilt-edged securities.

At the weekly meeting of the Ballinasloe Board of Guardians, a warm tribute was paid to the work of the Sisters who nurse the hospital. We do not wonder that Mr. Ward said their salaries were altogether inadequate, as it appears they have been receiving for their services of 15 hours daily the sum of 1s. 2d. a day for rations. It was stated that if it were not for the tender care and nursing of the Sisters of Mercy the hospital would not be the popular place it is, and it was agreed to increase the sum paid to the community by £40 a year.

## Reflections.

### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King recently paid a surprise visit to his Sanatorium at Midhurst, remaining quite an hour inspecting the building and talking to the patients.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have granted their patronage to a concert which Mme. Donalda will give in aid of St. George's Hospital and the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital, at the Queen's Hall, on November 27th, at 3 o'clock. A large number of distinguished artistes have promised their services, including M. Jean Gerardy, who is coming specially from Belgium to play.

Lord Sandhurst has been nominated as Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, in the place of Lord Ludlow, who recently resigned. The election by a Court of Governors takes place on Thursday, November 5th.

Sir Edward Grey and the German Ambassador have signed an agreement by which England and Germany agree to co-operate in combating the sleeping sickness in their East African possessions. The co-operation will take the form chiefly of exchanging reports of cases, and in arranging for the destruction of animals whose blood supplies the virus which is transmitted to human beings by flies or mosquitoes.

The Bisset Hawkins gold medal has been awarded to Sir Shirley Murphy, Medical Officer of Health of the County of London, for his distinguished services in the cause of public health.

During the discussion in the House of Commons of the Bill, the object of which is the compulsory notification of cases of tuberculosis by medical officers in Ireland, Sir William Collins urged the necessity of proceeding cautiously in the application of a new law to a whole country, and suggested that notification should be required only in connection with such forms of tuberculosis as by reason of infective discharges are liable to communicate the disease to other persons, and not in trifling cases. Mr. T. W. Russell, on behalf of the Government, signified his willingness to accept the amendment.

Canon Hensley Henson, D.D., was the preacher at the service held at St. Mary's, Nottingham, in connection with the 126th anniversary of the Nottingham General Hospital, and made a strong appeal on its behalf from both the moral and religious standpoints. In regard to the former he said that the pleasure of the leisured classes was purchased largely at the expense of the working poor, who were the victims of our civilisation. Canon Henson drew a vivid picture of the inequalities of life, which, he said, afforded an "abominable contrast." The whole community was responsible for the condition of things that existed in the crowded tenements of our great cities, for the shadows cast by our civilisation. It

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