

Illinois, "Training schools for nurses and attendants have been established, superintendents of nurses in charge of both men and women patients have been appointed, a system of affiliation with general hospitals has been inaugurated whereby the general hospitals will put mental nursing into their courses as an optional study, and training will be given to under-graduate nurses from the general hospital training schools in the State institutions."

It seems to the writer that unless practical nursing of the insane be made an obligatory part of the general hospital course, few, if any, nurses will elect it, probably thinking that work among the insane would be entirely out of their ordinary routine in both student and graduate days.

Another good that might come from such an arrangement is that the vacancies caused in the student nursing service of the general hospitals could be filled by nurses from the hospitals for the insane, who could thereby increase their experience in surgical and obstetrical nursing.

### Territorial Nursing News.

The East Lancashire Territorial Force Association has already raised the staff of the general hospital which has been allocated for service with the division under administration, and it now desires to call the attention of the ladies of East Lancashire to the Nursing Service which is about to be formed for service with the general hospital of this division, in the event of mobilisation for war.

Qualified nurses, willing to serve with this general hospital in the event of war, are now required to give in their names.

The nursing staff will number altogether 120.

Candidates for enrolment as Sister or nurse must have had three years' training in a recognised hospital or infirmary, and in the case of a candidate employed in a hospital the consent of her Matron must be obtained.

A Sister or nurse must not be under 23 years of age at date of enrolment.

We are informed that any of the following ladies:—

Miss Sparshott, Matron, Royal Infirmary, Manchester.

Miss Beard, Matron, Ancoats Hospital, Manchester.

Miss Farrow, Matron, Bury Dispensary Hospital, Bury.

Miss Macintyre, Matron, Royal Albert Edward Infirmary and Dispensary, Wigan.

Miss Mulvany, Matron, Infirmary and Dispensary, Bolton.

Miss Nodal, Matron, Salford Royal Hospital.

Miss Rothwell, Matron, Rochdale Infirmary. will give information, and be glad to receive the names of candidates.

### Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The *Morning Post* reports that two of this year's Nobel Prizes will in all probability fall to Englishmen. One, that for Chemistry, has been awarded to Professor Ernest Rutherford, of Manchester University; while Mr. Swinburne will in all probability, receive the Literature award. Professor Max Plank, of Berlin, receives the Physics prize; while that for Medicine is divided between Professors Ehrlich, of Berlin, and Metschnikoff, of Paris.

Miss Edith A. B. Wilson has been appointed Almoner to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington. Miss Wilson has had considerable experience in the special branch of work for which she has been selected.

The financial result of the Festival recently held at the Hotel Cecil, in support of the Miller General Hospital for South-East London, Greenwich, amounted to £1,033 15s. 6d. This hospital is well situated to serve a very large and very poor area of the Metropolis, and is going to increase the number of beds by fifty.

The Derbyshire Royal Infirmary exceeded its ordinary income last year by £2,000. This causes the Weekly Board some anxiety, and it hopes it will be possible to celebrate the centenary of the Infirmary in 1908-9 by a very special effort to place the financial condition of the charity upon a greatly improved basis.

The demand for beds in the Kingston Union Infirmary has recently been so great that the accommodation has been quite insufficient to meet the need and another large building, containing space for 200 beds has now been taken over by the authorities.

Mr. Lewis Redlift, a retired pawnbroker, has left a legacy of about £80,000 to the Hospital, Dudley.

In these days the Commercial Pirate has more or less taken the place of the Buccaneer of old, and no valuable invention or discovery is free from his attention. The Thermos Flask is no exception to the rule. Many actions at law have been taken in this country and abroad to protect the Thermos Patents. In spite of this there are still a few infringers. The public are cautioned against them, and at the same time are informed that Thermos, Ltd., will continue to prosecute all and sundry infringers of its rights.

We are asked by the "Sanitas Company" to make known that their next "At Home" to nurses at Locksley Street, Limehouse, E., will be on Thursday, January 28th, at 3.30 p.m., not on December 4th, as previously announced.

On an application from the Relieving Officer,

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