

Sir Edward Baker, the Lieutenant-Governor, while agreeing generally with the recommendations of the Committee, says that the only question that will be held in abeyance is the proposed substitution of lay Superintendents for the Clewer Sisters, who must be consulted in the matter. It may be undesirable that the nursing arrangements should continue to be supervised by members of a religious Order, but in view of the fact that the great majority of the patients are Indians, the warmest thanks are due to the Sisters for the whole-hearted services rendered by them.

All who have knowledge of the work of Anglican Sisters in hospitals will endorse the above opinions. The pity is that Sisters do not always understand that there is no Royal road to nursing, and that those who wear a religious habit do not do nursing experience at the same time, but need precisely the same training as lay nurses.

Another point is that if the authorities desire to obtain the best nursing Superintendent they must make her responsible for her own department, and that to place "complete control" of the nursing department in the hands of the administrative head of the hospital will not make for efficiency.

#### LIFE'S LITTLE IRONIES.

We have to thank Miss J. W. Davies, the Assistant Matron at Leicester Infirmary, for a cheque for one guinea, awarded as a prize by the anti-Registration organ in what it called a nurses' Registration plebiscite. Life is full of little ironies, and in forwarding the money in support of the Registration campaign, Miss Davies wishes it known that she did not compete for a prize, and that the 76 nurses who signed the plebiscite at Leicester all were in favour of State Registration, and of Lord Ampthill's Bill in particular.

The money will, of course, be expended in counteracting the anti-Registration policy of the lay nursing journal which instituted the plebiscite in the mistaken idea that its readers would record an overwhelming vote against the organisation of nursing, and protection of the public by Act of Parliament.

#### WELCOME HELP.

We acknowledge with many thanks the following donations towards the expenses of the Nurses' Registration Bill:—

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#### Reflections.

The Prince and Princess of Wales paid a surprise visit to the Middlesex Hospital on Monday afternoon, and, accompanied by his Serene Highness, Prince Francis of Teck, were conducted over the institution by Mr. Clare Melhado, Secretary Superintendent, Miss Vernet, Lady Superintendent, and the Resident Medical Officer. Their Royal Highnesses took great interest in the "Princess May" Children's Ward, and the new maternity wards; they also visited the cancer wards and the cancer research laboratories where the director, Dr. Lazarus Barlow, explained the investigations in connection with radio-activity in cancer. The chapel, nurses' refectory, and kitchens were also inspected.

Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang, the new Archbishop of York, paid a visit to the North Ormesby Hospital last week and opened the "Elizabeth Caroline Brown" wing and extensions. Special interest attaches to this hospital, as when it was founded, fifty years ago, it was the first Cottage Hospital in the country, and has gradually increased in size until it has now 100 beds.

The nursing is in the hands of the Community of the Holy Rood, and on the arrival of the Primate the Mother Superior, the Sisters, the members of the Council, the Medical Staff, and others, were introduced to his Grace by Mr. Waynman Dixon, Chairman of the House Committee.

The Archbishop, in declaring the new wing open, spoke of the practical interest taken by the working men of Middlesbrough in the Hospital. He hoped that the institution would keep the old spirit with all its new equipment and science.

It was a great day for those who have worked so long and earnestly for the hospital, and the old part was gaily decorated with flags, palms, and flowers in honour of the event, and the wards were greatly admired. The new wards, one for men and one for women, contain 24 beds each.

One of the most interesting of the speakers at the opening ceremony was Mr. Isaac Haigh, who was one of the first patients in the tiny hospital fifty years ago, and underwent amputation of the leg through the thigh without chloroform. He has loved the place ever since, and is one of its most faithful friends.

The Governors of the Leeds Infirmary are contemplating important developments in the near future. At the annual meeting of subscribers to be held this week a proposal will be made to establish an Electro-Therapeutic Department under the charge of an honorary officer. The official, whom it is proposed to style the Director of the Department, will have charge of the Radium, the Rontgen Rays, and the Finsen Light apparatus, will supervise the photographic work, and also all electrical apparatus used in the diagnosis and treatment of disease.

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