

as a nurse in order to impress visitors." There is no way in which the bogus nurse can be detected from the real nurse by the casual observer.

Much harm is done, Miss Lückes pointed out, by incompetent women who pose as nurses and attend invalids in their own homes. "It is very difficult to guard against this," she said. "If everyone engaging a nurse would make a point of verifying their references it would go some way towards remedying such a state of things." "At present," says our contemporary, "it is only a crime to wear a nurse's uniform with some fraudulent intent. This practice is not infrequent. Three times within the last few years women wearing the London Hospital nurse's uniform have been prosecuted for offences. Other hospitals have also suffered extensively."

Far from it being a crime to assume nurses' uniform, more than one murderess owes her life to posing in the dock in this becoming garb.

The Metropolitan Asylums Board at its meeting last Saturday decided to grant permission to its nurses to enrol in the Territorial Nursing Service.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of Lady Dudley's Nursing Scheme, held last week in Dublin, a nurse was appointed to the district of Caherdaniel, in succession to a nurse who had already been transferred to the district of Derrybeg. Several applications for nurses, working under the Lady Dudley's Nursing Scheme, were received, but all had to be refused, owing to want of funds. The committee had to deplore the loss of some valuable contributors, including the Hon. P. F. Collier. The Committee hope that, in view of the enormous amount of good done by the nurses working in the very poorest parts of Ireland, that further support to the scheme will be forthcoming.

Miss Isabel McIsaac has been nominated for President of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States, and we have no doubt she will be elected at the meeting in June. Miss McIsaac presided with much charm and intelligence at the International Congress of Nurses at Buffalo in 1901, and no one will receive a warmer welcome to London if she attends the Congress in July. Miss McIsaac is the authoress of several professional text books, but she is best known in literary circles by "New Cranford," a tale of two nurses on a farm in Northern Michigan, a work through which a vein of delicate humour and enthusiasm runs throughout.

## Reflections.

### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Missionary Exhibition, organised by the Church Missionary Society, which opens on June 8th at the Royal Agricultural Hall, is going to be a very interesting and important affair. As nurses now take a deep interest in foreign missions they will, no doubt, visit the exhibition in great numbers. The entire stock-in-trade of a Chinese village-chemist is one of the features of the Chinese Street, which contains an opium den, a Chinese inn, a cobbler's shop, and a temple.

Lord Sandhurst, as Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, is appealing to the City for financial support. This is very wise. A generous response is certain. Why should not a "Rahere Society" be inaugurated in memory of the hospital's wonderful founder, to carry on the work he began eight centuries ago? The nurses past and present would love to take part in it.

At a Conference of Children's Hospitals of London those present passed a resolution that they were "not prepared to accept a grant of money from the London County Council, or to give preferential treatment to the children sent by them, or to admit supervision or inspection by the officers of that body." At the annual meeting of the Victoria Hospital for Children the Governors concurred in the resolution.

Alderman and Sheriff Hanson and Mr. Sheriff Baddeley have accepted invitations to attend with the Lord Mayor, who will be accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, and will lay the Memorial Stone of the new Sir Henry Tyler Extension of the London Homoeopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C., on June 30th. Donations towards the £2,500 required for furnishing the new wing may be sent to the Secretary, at the Hospital.

Under the will of the late Mr. Frederick Goringe, the Westminster and St. George's Hospitals each benefit, probably to the extent of £50,000. Bolingbroke Hospital, Wandsworth, also receives £5,000, and Miss Cave, Lady Superintendent of the Westminster Hospital, receives a bequest of £1,000.

Dr. A. K. Chalmers, Medical Officer of Health for Glasgow, has formally reported to the Sub-Committee on Hospitals the transference of Dr. John Brownlee from Belvidere Hospital to Ruchill Hospital, and Dr. Alexander Johnston from Ruchill to Belvidere.

Under the new arrangement Dr. Chalmers will submit to the Committee and Sub-Committees the reports hitherto submitted directly by the Physician-Superintendents. They will not be invited to attend any of the meetings of the Committee or Sub-Committees. This new arrangement deprives the Physician-Superintendents of rightful authority

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