

uniform and palming themselves off as nurses, and people accept the word nurse so lightly. I am very keen on State Registration, which I think would be the greatest preventive of fraud."

In spite of some unpleasant weather, there were large attendances at the bazaar, under the patronage of her Majesty the Queen, held at Ballsbridge from May 25th to May 29th, in aid of Mercer's Hospital, in the Orthopædic Hospital, Dublin. The Presidents of the Mercer's Hospital Stall were Miss Hanna, the Matron, Mrs. J. Lumsden, and Mrs. Kildare Treacy, Lady Superintendent of the City of Dublin Nursing Institution, and they were assisted by the Nursing Staff of Mercer's Hospital, and the C.D.N.I., and by eminent members of the medical profession. The President of the Incorporated Orthopædic Hospital Stall was the Matron of the Hospital, Miss Shelley, who also had many willing assistants—lay, medical, and nursing. There were no less than 50 stalls, besides many side shows, so that it is quite impossible to enumerate them all. Many stalls were undertaken by counties, and there was a Military Stall, of which the Hon. Lady Lyttelton was President. We hope that the result will be to place a substantial sum to the credit of the two hospitals in the bank. The duties of the trained nurse are manifold, but, if she can assist in replenishing the coffers of a hospital she is certainly furthering the efficient nursing of the sick, which it is her work in life to promote.

On Monday and Tuesday next week, June 7th and 8th, the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses will hold its Annual Meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota, and on Wednesday, June 9th, which is "Federation Day," the American Federation of Nurses, in which are combined the Superintendents and the Nurses' Societies, will meet in Minneapolis and discuss many interesting subjects, in which Social Service Work has a prominent place. On Thursday and Friday, June 10th and 11th, the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States will meet in Minneapolis, and there is a very full programme, including papers on the "Hospital Economics Course, the Work of its Graduates," by Miss Krueger, Detroit; "State Societies, their Organisation and Place in Nursing Education," by Miss Sophia F. Palmer, R.N., Rochester; "What State Supervision has done for Training Schools," by Miss Anna L. Alline, R.N., Albany; "Reciprocity," by Miss Isabel McIsaac, Benton Harbour, and many other interesting items.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Queen has consented to open the great summer fair and fête to be held at Olympia commencing June 23rd, under the presidency of the Duke of Fife, in aid of the Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children, of which Her Majesty is patroness. Olympia will be laid out as a garden of an old chateau, with a series of arbours or summer-houses of the period, taken as stalls.

The annual report of Dr. William Collingridge, Medical Officer of Health for the City of London, deserves to be studied by all residents in the City and Metropolitan areas, as it contains a vast amount of interesting information concerning the public health. It is interesting to note that the Shelter in Golden Lane, Barbican, provided free of charge, with necessary attendants, for the members of any family in which any dangerous infectious disease have appeared, for the purpose of enabling their dwellings to be disinfected by the sanitary authority, has been visited by eight families during the week.

At Chiswick, on May 14th and 15th, a very successful dramatic entertainment was given in the Town Hall in aid of the funds of the West London Hospital. It is now announced that a sum of £100 was realised after all expenses were paid. The Entertainment Committee having been informed that the most urgent need was a home for the nurses, the money was sent with the request that it might be used to start a new fund for providing the hospital with a nurses' home suitable to its needs, and worthy to maintain the high standard of nursing required by modern conditions.

Mr. J. E. C. Eaton has given £500 to the Endowment Fund of Tiverton Infirmary in memory of his great aunt, the late Miss Hallam, for many years a generous benefactor to the institution. Mr. Eaton's gift will be used to endow a child's cot.

The new north wing or surgical block of the Royal Infirmary of Glasgow will be formally opened on Wednesday, June 23rd. The Lord Provost will perform the opening ceremony. The new block has accommodation for 237 patients. Its utilisation will enable a large portion of the old buildings to be demolished, and will greatly facilitate the carrying out of the reconstruction scheme.

The International Congress of Medicine is going to be held in Buda Pesth this summer. This will be the sixteenth of these congresses. The General Secretaries for the British section are Mr. D'Arcy Power, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Dr. Olive Rivière, of the East London Hospital for Children.

It is expected that a Royal decree will be issued shortly for the reorganisation of the Dutch Red Cross Society in connection with the Geneva Convention of July, 1906, in order to enable the Society to devote itself more closely to social work.

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