

## Reflections.

### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The opening of the Medical Schools will take place as usual on October 1st. Eminent men have been invited by the committees of most of the hospitals to address the students and take part in social functions. We wish the nursing schools could be encouraged in the same way.

Sir William Bennett, K.C.V.O., F.R.C.S., President of the Incorporated Institute of Hygiene, will perform the ceremony of formally opening a permanent Exhibition of Hygiene on the 30th of September, which is being established at Carlton Buildings, Paradise Street, Birmingham, under the auspices of the Midland Counties' Branch of the Institute.

The Hostel of St. Luke (the Clergy Nursing Home, 14, Fitzroy Square), was re-opened for the reception of patients on August 30th, after a thorough cleaning and some necessary alterations, and cases have been passed for admission from the dioceses of Canterbury, London (two), Bath and Wells, Lincoln, Norwich (four), Southwell, York, Chester, Colombo, and Nassau. The Committee appeal for help and for church collections on St. Luke's Day or on Sunday, October 17th.

The next meeting of the Society for the study of Inebriety will take place on October 12th at the rooms of the Medical Society of London, when a discussion on "Suggestion and its Role in the Treatment of Inebriety" will be opened by J. Milne Bramwell, Esq., M.D. This Society's Quarterly Journal is edited by Dr. T. N. Kelynack, who is Hon. Secretary of this valuable Society.

We have received from the National Food Reform Association, 178, St. Stephen's House, Westminster, a new and revised edition of "Hints Towards Diet Reform, with 24 Simple Recipes," which contains an artistic frontispiece representing the Houses of Parliament as seen from the new offices of the Association. A specimen copy, price 3d. post free, may be obtained on application to the Secretary.

Mr. Garnier, of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, has been appointed Secretary of the Hastings, St. Leonards, and East Sussex Hospital. There were 800 applicants for the post.

### NURSE THANKED BY JUDGE

Harry Webb, twenty-four, a hawker, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude by Mr. Wallace, at London Sessions on Tuesday last, for stealing a watch, chain, and seal from Robert Dunn at Hoxton. The robbery was witnessed by Nurse Stebbington, of the North-Western Hospital, who followed prisoner half a mile till he was arrested. The Judge remarked that he would like very much to say how greatly indebted the police were to Nurse Stebbington for the very intelligent assistance she had rendered in this matter. Very few of the public would have taken such trouble. He thanked her sincerely for her services.

## Nursing in Cuba.\*

By MISS MARGUERITA NUNEZ.

From my native land, a distant island which of the Schools for Nurses in Cuba; and as this country of beauty and of joy to thank you for the honour which you have bestowed on us by inviting us to this Conference.

As I have had the honour of being appointed by the Department of Health and Charities of my country, in the first place, General Superintendent of the Schools for Nurses in Cuba, and as this honour has been increased by being sent as a delegate to this Conference, I ought, for these reasons, to say a few words, if it be only to express the sincere gratitude which we feel for having been received into this Conference, and to Dr. Duque, the Secretary of Health and Charities of Cuba, for this gratifying appointment.

As the only interesting facts which I can present to you are those relative to the present organisation and operation of the Schools for Nurses in the Island of Cuba, to this I will limit my brief address.

In Cuba the Schools for Nurses are constituted under the supervision of the National Government, and there are six of them in all, two of which are in the City of Havana—namely, one in the "Mercedes" Hospital with thirty-five students, and the other in Hospital No. 1 with forty students.

In the "Mercedes" Hospital, which has accommodation for 300 patients, there are seven graduate nurses. These give the practical instruction in the wards to the student nurses, who receive their theoretic instruction from the physicians of the hospital.

In Hospital No. 1, which has accommodation for 500 patients, there are ten graduate nurses, who have the same duties as those of the "Mercedes" Hospital.

In the City of Matanzas, the capital of the Province of that name, there exists another School for Nurses with twenty students. The hospital has capacity for 200 patients, and there are five graduate nurses in the institution.

In the City of Cienfuegos, in the Province of Santa Clara, there exists an hospital with accommodation for 200 patients, and there is a Nurses' School annexed to it with twenty students and four graduate nurses.

In the City of Puerto Principe, the capital of the Province of the same name, there is an hospital with accommodation for 200 patients, and the School for Nurses has twenty-eight students and three graduate nurses.

In the Province of Santiago de Cuba, in the City of Santiago, there is also an hospital with a School for Nurses. The hospital has four graduate nurses and accommodation for 200 patients. The students in the School for Nurses number twenty.

In all these schools the students receive technical instruction in the same form that they do in the "Mercedes" Hospital and Hospital No. 1 in Havana.

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