

some strong speaking on the matter, the result being that it was agreed not to press for the resignation in the meantime.

There is a Ladies' Committee associated with the Home, the members of which interest themselves in the comfort of the nurses. At a meeting of these ladies three of them—Mrs. Barrie, Mrs. Hunter, and Mrs. Combe—intimated their intention of dissociating themselves from the Committee as a protest against the Matron being asked to resign.

At a meeting held on Monday the situation was discussed, and it is understood that the request on the part of the Directors that the Matron should send in her resignation has been withdrawn, and that Miss Mackay will sever her connection with the institution at an early date.

The Ulster Branch of the Irish Nurses' Association held its first social evening of the present season on Thursday, October 7th, at the Club-room, Crane Buildings, Belfast. The members gathered in force, and a most pleasant evening was spent, music and dancing being thoroughly enjoyed after tea. It is hoped that similar social evenings may be arranged once a month during the winter, and it is certain that the members who thus meet together in social intercourse will develop the mutual self-respect which will enable them to work together in harmony and good fellowship.

A letter from Nurse Bryne, of the Londonderry Fever Hospital, read at a recent meeting of the Board of Guardians, revealed an extraordinary condition of understaffing in that institution. After directing the attention of the Guardians to the unsatisfactory condition of the telephone, so that there was no proper means of communicating with the Master, she pointed out that there were sixteen patients in the hospital, and only one probationer to assist in day and night duty, do ambulance duty, general cleansing, nursing of the patients, cooking, and laundry, a work that was very heavy. There was no means of drying the infected clothing except in the infected wards. She asked also that the fever hospital probationer might be prohibited from associating with the infirmary nurses, otherwise if infection spread to the infirmary or the body of the house she could not be responsible. We are not surprised that Mr. Morris should have characterised the state of affairs as one of which Hottentots would not be guilty. The letter was referred to the medical officer for his report, with the recommendation that he should provide assistance in the fever hospital.

## Reflections.

### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

On Saturday afternoon last the Princess of Wales visited the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic (Albany Memorial), Queen Square, Bloomsbury, to receive purses in support of the £50,000 Fund inaugurated last year by the Duchess of Albany to commemorate the Jubilee of the foundation of the institution. The Princess, attended by Lady Mary Trefusis and Lieutenant-Colonel the Hon. Sir William Carington, was received in a pavilion in the Central Garden by the Duchess of Albany and Prince and Princess Alexander of Teck. Amongst those present were the Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, members of the Board of Management, the Medical Staff, and the Lady Superintendent, Miss J. Lawrence. After the singing of "God Bless the Prince of Wales," which was led by a choir of nurses, the Chairman, on behalf of the governing body, extended a welcome to Her Royal Highness. The purses presented, including a number presented by the sisters and nurses of the hospital, contained a sum total of over £8,000. At the close of the ceremony the Princess visited some of the wards, and noticing the South African war medals worn by one of the Sisters, Miss Amy Rogers, asked how she had won them. A happy incident was that a tiny child, who was paralysed when she entered the hospital, demonstrated her walking powers to the Royal visitor.

On November 4th next His Majesty the King will open the new buildings of the Hospital which the fund has provided.

Mr. F. C. Wallis, F.R.C.S., Dean of Charing Cross Hospital Medical School, who is well known as a fearless and outspoken member of the medical profession, at the opening of the winter session of the above school, spoke out on the subject of the inaccessibility of the London M.D. degree. Mr. Wallis stated that old students of the hospital said—and no one could blame them—that much as they liked their old school, the stumbling block of a doctor's degree was so great that they sent their sons to some provincial school, where the facilities for obtaining a doctor's degree were made as easy as they were made impossible in London. London University in this matter had been held in subjection by a small body of men whom one would have credited with larger minds and greater foresight than they seemed to possess.

The chief requirements at the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital are a new isolation block, a separate building for septic surgical cases, two new operating theatres, an enlargement of the out-patient department, and in conjunction with the Norwich Eye Infirmary, a new block for ophthalmic cases. The sum needed is about £25,000, and a further sum of like amount is required for endowment. Towards this, £14,000 had, before the last meeting, been subscribed. The King has shown his approval of, and interest in, the scheme by contributing 250 guineas, and he has also signified his intention of

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