

lamentation, and weeping, and great mourning. Rachel weeping for her children, and would not be comforted, because they are not." Others follow, telling of that bourne from which no traveller returns.

Then follows prayer, in which allusion is made to the life and example of the one now gone, comfort is asked for the bereaved, and supplication made that the occasion may be a warning to the assembly, by reminding them of the brief span of life allotted to us all, and the necessity of making preparation here for the life to come.

After the Amen has been pronounced, an awkward pause ensues; the departure of the minister is fervently wished for, and he (feeling the constraint, though not knowing to what it is due) is glad to retire.

The rest are badly feeling the need of some sustentation; "wee nips" of the national beverage are handed round, and at last tongues are unloosed. M. DAY.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Royal Edward Institute for Tuberculosis at Montreal was opened on Tuesday last week by the King's own hand pressing a telegraph key at West Dean Park, Chichester. There was a great crowd of guests invited to receive the King's message at the Hospital. Suddenly there was a click and the buzzing of a motor. A flag rose gracefully to the top of a steel column. The doors flew open and lights appeared in every part of the building as though by magic. A great cheer rose. The nurses of the Victorian Order acted as ushers, showing the guests through the wonderfully equipped building.

The King has consented to open the Jubilee Extension Buildings of the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, on November 4th, at half-past 12 o'clock.

The Council of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses have gratefully acknowledged the gift of £740 contributed by members of the Stock Exchange in response to an appeal made by Lord Alwyne Compton. The money will be invested, and the interest, £35, be regarded as an annual subscription, in perpetuity, of members of the Stock Exchange.

The Governor and Court of the Bank of England have voted £1,000 to the special fund which is being raised in aid of St. Bartholomew's Hospital in response to the recent appeal made by the Lord Mayor. An anonymous donor has sent a cheque for £250.

In the 20th annual report of the L.C.C. Asylums Committee reference is made to the Royal Commission on the Care and Control of the Feeble-Minded. The Committee is impressed with the magnitude of

the task outlined. The problem of how to deal with the feeble-minded has never before been grappled with as a whole, but proved to be one that can no longer be left alone. The report states that the Commission's proposals will impose an enormous increase of labour and responsibility upon the authorities. It is suggested that one of the first duties which should be placed upon the custodial authority is that of ascertaining for how many mentally defective persons provision should be made. The report adds that the general trend of the recommendations, in the direction of securing notification of the feeble-minded at an early age, and of keeping them under control and guardianship through the whole period of their lives, should command general approval.

The Council of the British Red Cross Society has decided to form a London Branch in connection with the scheme issued by the Secretary of State for War on August 16th to Secretaries of Territorial County Associations in England and Wales for the organisation of voluntary aid for sick and wounded in the event of war in the home territory. This scheme proposes to make use of the existing organisation of the British Red Cross Society, and to develop it on a large scale, so that it shall embrace every district in the country.

Legal Matters.

John William Glenn, a labourer, of Melton Mowbray, was last week brought before the magistrates at Leicester on a charge of feloniously and violently assaulting Miss Mary Jordan, a nurse at the Melton Mowbray and Belvoir Isolation Hospital. The case had excited so much indignation locally that it was decided to hold the magisterial proceedings at Leicester to avoid a hostile demonstration against the prisoner. The nurse, still evidently suffering from the effects of ill-usage, gave evidence of leaving the Melton Cottage Hospital shortly before nine o'clock on September 13th to meet another nurse, when she was accosted by the prisoner, seized, struck to the ground, dragged along the ground, and when she screamed some of her clothing was thrust into her mouth. She struggled violently, and the prisoner tried to strangle her. She was dragged to a shed in a field on to a heap of straw. Sergeant Smith gave evidence of the deplorable condition in which he found the nurse. Both eyes were blackened, and her face covered with bruises, so that she looked more like a black woman. She was very exhausted and dazed.

The prisoner, who was also on the straw in the shed, struck him (the sergeant) a violent blow on the mouth. Superintendent Hinman also deposed that the man was exceedingly violent on his way to the station.

Dr. Tutman, who was called in, said Miss Jordan was in a state of collapse when he saw her.

The prisoner, who was committed to the assizes, denied the criminal assault, but admitted striking the nurse.

An extraordinary feature connected with the case was that, though the nurse called for help, not one of those who heard the call went to her assistance.

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