

28. A Treatise of reports, and the embalming of dead bodies.

29. An Apologie, and Voyages.

*Rich Ambrose Parey!* How infinitely richer the world for your ripe knowledge.

Some day we must reproduce some of the woodcuts from the *Compendious Way to Chirurgery*, to prove that it is time we made progress, after 330 years!

## The Nurses' Missionary League.

### SPECIAL MEETINGS FOR NURSES.

Twelve meetings were held at the Passmore Edwards' Settlement, and several in various hospitals, in connection with the special week of meetings under the auspices of the Nurses' Missionary League. The meetings were on the whole well attended. Miss Burroughes, formerly of Guy's Hospital, and Miss J. Macfee, B.A., were the speakers at the Passmore Edwards' Settlement. The former took as her subjects "The Call of God," "Witnesses to God," and "Friendship"; while Miss Macfee spoke of the Mission of Christ, as described in the five clauses of St. Luke IV., 18-19.

At the closing meeting on Feb. 19th, the Hon. Florence Macnaghten, now home on furlough from her work in the Kanga Valley in India, was the first speaker, and dwelt upon Isaiah's vision of God, and its effects upon his life. Miss Macfee then said a few words on the threefold aspect of love—God's love to man, man's love to God, and man's love to his fellow-man.

Miss Burroughes followed, taking as her subject "Discipleship," and dwelling on the need for absolute surrender of life to God, so that we are nothing, and do nothing, and have nothing apart from Him.

The closing address was then given by Miss W. Sedgwick (Somerville College), on the text, "God is faithful Who has called you into fellowship with His Son." She showed how fellowship, or partnership, entails a sharing of responsibilities, sorrows, trials, work, and pleasures; so that our difficulties and troubles are no longer ours alone, and we have a share in Christ's glory and victory, too. And, since God is faithful, we shall have power in times of loneliness and discouragement to live up to the visions we have seen of Him.

### The £100 Registration Fund.

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Brought forward ... ..	39	17	0
Miss Edith Harris ... ..	1	0	0
Miss E. M. Jones ... ..	0	5	0
Total, £41	2	0	

## The Central Poor Law Conference 1910.

The Council Chamber of the Guildhall was full to overflowing on the occasion of the opening of the 38th Annual Central Poor Law Conference on Tuesday, February 22nd. The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor attended in his robes of office to open the proceedings, and after expressing the pleasure he felt in welcoming the members at the Guildhall, and predicting a successful Conference, withdrew to fulfil other duties. The chair was then occupied by the President, Lord Richard Cavendish. The prevailing note throughout the meeting was the Minority Report of the Royal Commission on the Poor Laws. Lord Richard Cavendish said it was unfortunate that the general impression given by the resolutions passed at the last Conference was that Guardians generally are disposed to meet the Report of the Royal Commission with a direct *non-possimus*, and it would incur the suspicion that they disapproved of all innovation.

He prophesied that if a new order of things were set up, the same men and women who had given so ungrudgingly of their time and labour in the past, would again be found in the foremost ranks, and he submitted that before committing the nation to a policy very doubtful and costly, it would be wiser to bring the existing system into harmony with modern requirements.

Mr. A. F. Vulliamy read through the Minority Report, and proceeded to deal with it exhaustively, and in no favourable spirit. He considered that the poor are more favourably and sympathetically dealt with by a body elected for that purpose, and who know them, and that the proposals of the Minority Report would tend to diminish thrift, and would interfere with the liberty of the subject.

Mr. George Lansbury made a fighting speech in favour of the adoption of the Report. He asked the Conference to consider that a great deal had happened since 1834. It was a fact to-day that from ten to fifteen thousand children receiving parish relief were living in vicious and immoral surroundings, and that there was in spite of assertions to the contrary much overlapping of charitable schemes, as for instance in education, the feeding of school children, whose parents were already receiving relief, and also in dealing with the unemployed. He also pointed out that phthisis was already handed over to the Public Health Department, and that other diseases would quickly follow. He ridiculed the present system, whereby a person of 69 was styled a pauper, and a person of 70 was not. His remarks were received unfavourably by the majority of the Conference.

Other speakers joined in the discussion.

### A CORRECTION.

In the list of new members of the Irish Nurses' Association, published in our issue last week, the name, M. J. Healley, published in connection with the Coombe Hospital, Dublin, should read M. F. Heatley.

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