

that the service rendered would be individual and personal. The students should be made to feel that they are responsible for the comfort of their patients. A nursing service of at least a month, preferably two months, should be required of each student. A part of the service should include night duty, as conditions are very different at night from the patient's point of view, and a physician's knowledge of sickness is incomplete unless he has spent a number of nights at a patient's bedside. Combined with the experience in nursing there should be instruction in the various therapeutic measures which a nurse carries out. It could probably be arranged that most of the students should do their nursing during the summer, just as the engineering students have their "field work" at that time. During his nursing service the student will get closer to his patients than he ever has before or ever will again. Pictures of disease, expressions, posture, types of respiration, knowledge which cannot be obtained from books or lectures become impressed on the student's mind in a way that years of clinics would not do. For training in practical therapeutics there is nothing in the present course to compare with it. Students will become familiar with its appearance, smell, taste, mode of administration, and action of drugs. In no other way can the student so well learn the wealth of simple measures, which, in the hands of an intelligent nurse, can be of the greatest comfort; for example, moist and dry heat, cold compresses, ice bags, packs, baths, rubbing, counter-irritants, etc. As a means of learning practical dietetics this experience would have no equal."

#### THE BART'S APPOINTMENT.

Miss Cox Davies, President of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, gives in the current issue of *League News*, a résumé of the reasons which made hundreds of nurses trained at St. Bartholomew's, in common with a large majority of the whole nursing profession and the public, raise their voices in wonder and sorrowful protest as soon as the appointment to the Matronship became known. In the course of this article she writes:—"I would like also to refer very briefly to a statement that has been widely circulated, both in print and elsewhere, that the 'agitation' was confined entirely to a few outside people, principally 'disappointed candidates and their friends,' and that it was not shared by the present nursing staff, who were loyally satisfied with the appointment. . . . The fact that a few only have been able to do the work, by reason of their independent position, does not make the statement true that the 'agitation' is confined to them. It is grossly untrue. The agitation is general, and except to those who deliberately shut their eyes, and will not see, it is patent to the whole world that the feeling aroused by this appointment is widespread, far-reaching, and long lasting. The position of the present nursing staff is a very difficult one. No one who knows the Hospital intimately can doubt for one moment that their feelings are as deeply roused as it is possible for those of any body of women workers to be."

## Reflections.

### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King has granted his patronage to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and the Weymouth Royal Hospital.

The memorial to King Edward VII., which seems to find most favour is the re-building or enlargement of hospitals. The Chichester Infirmary is to be reconstructed at a cost of £20,000, to which Mr. William James has already given £10,000. The Mayor of Cambridge suggests that the commemoration of the reign of the late King should take the form of doing something substantial to place the out-patients and children's department of Addenbrooke's Hospital on a better footing; it has been decided to add a new wing, to be called the King Edward VII. Wing, to the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital; and a county memorial for Warwickshire is to be a hospital for the instructional treatment of consumptives. Newcastle-on-Tyne is considering a Convalescent home in connection with the Royal Infirmary; and the Chairman of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Dublin (Mr. William Fry), suggests the erection of a "King Edward Memorial Pavilion" of 100 beds as the most suitable memorial for that city.

Mr. Peter Hubert Desvignes, M.R.C.S., of Weybridge, has bequeathed £6,000 to Guy's Hospital, where he was a student in 1853, to found, endow, and maintain four beds and four cots in memory of his late sister, Caroline Frances Desvignes, to be called the "Desvignes" beds or cots. He also left the residue of his property, which it is expected will amount to over £8,000, to Guy's Hospital.

The Committee for the removal of King's College Hospital to South London have received a cheque for £1,000 from an anonymous donor for the purpose of naming a bed (to be called the "Inter Cruces" Bed) in the new hospital at Denmark Hill.

A number of Nursing Associations benefit by the distribution of the Hospital Sunday Fund. The following is the list of awards:—Belvedere, Abbey Wood, £7 11s. 6d.; Brixton, £30 6s.; Central St. Pancras, £22 14s. 6d.; Chelsea and Pimlico, £22 14s. 6d.; East London, £189 7s. 6d.; Hackney, £22 14s. 6d.; Hammersmith, £53 0s. 6d.; Hampstead, £22 14s. 6d.; Isleworth, £15 3s.; Kensington, £53 0s. 6d.; Kilburn, £7 11s. 6d.; Kingston, £30 6s.; London District, £310 11s. 6d.; Metropolitan (Bloomsbury), £22 14s. 6d.; North London, £60 12s.; Paddington and Marylebone, £37 17s. 6d.; Peckham, £15 3s. 6d.; Plaistow, £136 7s.; Plaistow (Maternity), £174 4s. 6d.; Rotherhithe, £15 3s.; St. Olave's (Bermondsey), £30 6s.; Shoreditch, £45 9s. 6d.; Sick Room Helps Society, £22 14s.; Silvertown, £22 14s.; South London (Battersea), £53; Southwark, £37 17s. 6d.; South Wimbledon, £45 9s. 6d.; Tottenham, £7 11s. 6d.; Westminster, £30 6s.; Woolwich, £30 6s.

Mr. Frank Brown, J.P., has been appointed President of the Stockton and Thornaby Surgical Hospital.

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