

Lady Ure Primrose and Professor Glaister will be among the speakers.

The question of the dietary scale for the nurses and officers of the Belfast Workhouse and auxiliary workhouse were recently considered by the Board of Guardians in committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. David Adams, when the question whether or not the Board should continue, or discontinue, the nurses' luncheon was discussed at length. Ultimately the Chairman stated that the Lady Superintendent, Miss Howlett, was desirous that the luncheon should be continued to the nurses, and suggested that the proposal adopted at the last meeting should be rescinded, and the Board of Guardians be recommended accordingly, and this was unanimously agreed to. If nurses are to do their work effectively in the forenoon, a light luncheon, after the heavy early morning task of making beds, washing patients, and general ward work, is an absolute necessity, not a luxury.

At the annual meeting of the friends of St. Vincent de Paul's Nursing Association, held last week at Limerick, it was reported that "the number of cases treated during the year was 729, as against 779 in the previous year, and the number of separate visits paid was 13,012, which is very slightly less than that of the year before, which was the highest on record. We mention this to show that some falling off in the number of cases does not imply a decrease of the work done. The committee have again to thank the Sisters of Mercy and the Little Company of Mary, not only for the splendid work done by them in the actual nursing but for the generous assistance of many kinds, without which the volume of our work would be impossible. It is right, for instance, to acknowledge that the Sisters of Mercy have undertaken the supply of most of the medical stores."

The November number of the *American Journal of Nursing* contains, as insets, two charming portraits of Mrs. Hampton Robb, which, no doubt, will be prized by nurses not only in America, but in many other countries where the name of Isabel Hampton Robb stands for all that is best and noblest in their profession. One portrait represents her as a young nurse, amusing one of her small patients, the other, taken since her marriage, is the best portrait we have seen of her, and we hope to have it framed and hung in the Board Room at 431, Oxford Street, W., the headquarters of the International Council of Nurses.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King has consented to give his patronage to the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital, Ryde.

A powerful claim has been made by the Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene for the endowment of the study and prevention of tropical disease as a memorial to his late Majesty King Edward VII.

His Majesty the King has intimated his pleasure in agreeing to the proposal that the new east wing of the Salford Royal Hospital shall be called "The King Edward VII. Memorial Wing." The wing will contain 45 beds. Mr. Lawrence Pilkington has been reappointed Chairman.

Surrey's memorial to the late King will probably take the form of endowing the Convalescent Home for Children at Bognor. The Convalescent Home for Women was founded as a memorial to the late Queen Victoria, and, there being also a home for men, it is felt that it would complete the scheme of convalescent homes for Surrey if that for children were put on a secure basis.

A county meeting recently held at Stafford decided to establish a fund for providing a sanatorium for the treatment of consumptive cases as a memorial to the late King, and a representative Committee was appointed to inaugurate the scheme. It was announced that an anonymous donor had promised £5,000 to start the fund.

Mr. John Burns, M.P., President of the Local Government Board, will inaugurate the Park Hospital, Hither Green, as a hospital for sick and debilitated children on Saturday, November 19th, at 2.30 p.m.

The Chelsea Hospital for Women has received a grant of £105 from the Court of Common Council of the City of London.

Miss Burrell, of Fairthorne Manor, Botley, near Southampton, has offered to defray the entire cost of the building of the new out-patient department for the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital in memory of her brother, Mr. Burrell, a Governor of the hospital, lately deceased. The building is expected to cost about £7,000.

The local memorial at Worthing to the late Sir Henry Aubrey-Fletcher has taken the form of a Home for the Queen's Nurses in the town, which will supply a great need. The Home was recently opened by the Mayor, Councillor J. G. Denton, J.P.

On Thursday in last week the annual functions of the Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury, which is the third oldest hospital in the Kingdom outside London, took place. After the anniversary services, the new Nurses' Home, which has been built at a cost

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