

in existence, plans would be matured at an early date, and she would like to think that there would some day be a chain of cottages all over New Zealand where nurses would be easily accessible by telephone and able to go over tracks, if not by roads, to the assistance of those in need of skilled attention. It was sad to read of men who, through the necessity of undertaking rough journeys, greatly prejudiced their chance of recovery from accident, and she quoted one pitiful instance of a settler's child dying through exposure as a result of being carried a number of miles by its father to the nearest hospital where treatment could be given for an illness which turned out to be diphtheria. If there had been a nurse available to look after the child in its own home that sad end might have been prevented. Lady Islington added that she had been struck with the tremendous public-spiritedness which prevailed in New Zealand, and she hoped to enjoy enough health and strength to help in every cause which had for its object the well-being of her fellow-creatures.

The Bishop of the Falkland Isles, in appealing in the Press for help for his great diocese, which extends from Cape Horn to Panama, states that he wishes to establish a series of hospitals and nursing homes through this vast area, which shall serve our kith and kin in their worst hours of need. Concluding with an appeal for workers, both men and women, the Bishop says: "Will some of you come out and help me in my work in South America? I will say to them, 'You don't know what you are or what you can do until you get into the wilds of the world. Get out and see what you are worth; no sailor or soldier ever knows what he is fit for until he has done his turn on foreign service. I want clergymen who are men. Almost more than priests I want the man behind the priest, and I can promise in return a life of work and energy and hope which cannot be surpassed, on this earth at all events.'"

It is reported by a contemporary that a New York millionaire, Mr. Walter Duryea, has bequeathed £200,000 to his nurse, Miss Eleanor Peregrine, who nursed him for twelve years, ever since he fractured the vertebrae of his neck while driving. Mr. Duryea wished to marry the nurse but she declined, but was for years his companion, nurse, and friend. The relations contested the will, but have now withdrawn in favour of Miss Peregrine, whose estate includes one of the most beautiful country houses in America and a palatial yacht.

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King has subscribed £5 to the funds of the Frank James Memorial Cottage Hospital, East Cowes, of which Princess Henry of Battenberg is the President.

Trained nurses will learn with pleasure that Mr. Munro-Ferguson, M.P., has been presented with the freedom of Musselburgh, in recognition of his services as Member of Parliament for twenty-five years.

The new scheme for the Naval Medical Service includes the provision of a school of instruction and research in the vicinity of London, where it will be in touch with the principal civil medical schools and with the Army Medical School at Millbank. "This," says *The Times*, "is a reform that will be warmly welcomed, not only in the service itself, but by all who are conversant with the requirements of the case. The new school will be situated at Greenwich, in close proximity to the 'Dreadnought' Seamen's Hospital and to the London School of Tropical Medicine, and therefore in a position to carry out its educational work in close connection with those establishments. The existing physical and chemical laboratories at Greenwich will be utilized, and will be supplemented by others required for the various forms of medical research; and two fleet-surgeons, each with an additional allowance of £150 a year, will be appointed as professors respectively of bacteriology and of clinical pathology and hygiene, and to form the nucleus of a school which will be extended under the guidance of experience. The school will also be utilized for a six months' course, through which every surgeon will be required to pass before he becomes eligible for the rank of staff-surgeon; and for a course of three months which will be open to all officers of not less than fourteen years' seniority, in order to afford them opportunities of refreshing their general knowledge of medicine and surgery, and of making themselves acquainted with modern improvements."

Mr. H. W. Armit, Secretary and Organizer of the British Section of the International Hygiene Exhibition at Dresden, writes to our esteemed contemporary to express the profound gratitude of his committee to it and its readers for their kindly response to the appeal of the British Executive Committee. Thanks to their assistance, this Committee has been able to set up a British Section at Dresden, and it has received numerous and highly flattering congratulations from their German hosts and from the foreign visitors at this exhibition on the fulfilment of their self-imposed task. The British Section is regarded as a very valuable adjunct to a most wonderful exhibition, and even if it lacks official support it fills a gap which would have been inexplicable, if not worse; had it been left unfilled.

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