

## REFLECTIONS

The Annual Meeting of the Penal Reform League will be held in Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Friday, December 8th, at 8 p.m. Sir John Macdonell in the Chair, after whose address Dr. Jane Walker will speak on the girls' side of the Borstall Association's work; Mr. Cecil Chapman and Miss Kirby, Sec. N.A.F.M., on the problem of the feeble-minded; Mr. F. Ludlow, Editor of the *Prison Officers' Magazine*, and Mrs. Bramwell Booth on the needs of Prison Warders; and Mr. George Montagu on his plans for a Boy Community in this country on the lines of the George Junior Republic, New York.

The British Hospitals Association is to hold a meeting in London on December 1st, at the Westminster Palace Hotel, at 4.30, to discuss the Insurance Bill as it affects hospitals and infirmaries. A desire has been expressed by hospital managers all over the country that such a meeting should be held, and Members of Parliament and others interested in the question have intimated their intention of being present.

The annual sale of the work of patients was opened this year at the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Streatham Common, by Mrs. C. Bevan. The whole of the proceeds of the sale go to the patients themselves. Mr. H. H. Baber, deputy-chairman of the institution, said that the sale not only supplied the inmates with pocket money, but also with a year's interesting, happy work and thought. With regard to the institution generally he asked that a special effort should be made to provide the £13,000 needed to complete the Jubilee Fund of £30,000.

Dr. H. W. L. Browne, Mr. T. J. Verrall, and Dr. H. A. Latimer have been elected Direct Representatives of the medical profession on the General Medical Council for the ensuing five years. The two former have proved themselves very good friends to Nurses' registration. Mr. T. J. Verrall is one of the representatives of the British Medical Association on the Central Committee for the State Registration of Nurses.

In the strenuous days in which we live the encyclopædic method of imparting information has come to be recognised as the most convenient and is applied to special as well as general subjects.

"The Science and Art of Nursing" may be regarded as the Nurse's Encyclopædia, as it is a comprehensive compendium of the information a nurse needs in most attractive form. Nurses wishing to know more about this work, to which well-known medical men, Matrons and Nurses in various branches of work are contributors should send a postcard to the publishers, the Waverley Book Co., Ltd., 7 and 8, Old Bailey, E.C., for their free booklet.

## OUTSIDE THE GATES.

## WOMEN.

The banquet held at the Savoy Hotel, on the 23rd ult., in aid of the Building and Endowment Fund of the Bedford College for Women, was socially most brilliant. Lord Haldane presided; three Cabinet Ministers, including the Premier were present; and the women undergraduates, in cap and gown, watching from the flower-fringed balcony, added great charm to the scene.

Queen Alexandra, who is Patroness, wired from Sandringham the following message: "My best wishes for the success of your dinner. I most earnestly hope that the sum asked for in aid of the building fund for the Bedford College for Women, in whose behalf I take a special interest, may be obtained."

The amount needed for the moment is £10,000, a like sum having been promised by the London County Council, in addition to £20,000 already given if the college can raise such a sum by private subscription without delay.

The total sum subscribed, announced at the dinner, was £7,000. Bedford College is the only women's college in the centre of London, and, having outgrown its present premises in Baker Street, it has secured the Crown lease of South Villa, Regent's Park—providing over eight and a-half acres of beautiful gardens—on which building has already begun. When it is opened and endowed, let us hope the Council may take into consideration the question of providing Higher Education for Trained Nurses, by following the admirable example of Teachers' College, New York; and that the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund may, through endowed scholarships, make it possible for Bart.'s Nurses to enjoy special educational privileges.

On Monday evening the Lyceum Club entertained to dinner Mrs. May Wright Sewall—known to nurses as "the angel of internationalism." Mrs. Allan Bright, the President of the National Union of Women Workers, presided, and she was supported by twelve hostesses, all women interested in the New Internationalism, which was the toast of the evening.

The President said she was proud to think that women were the first to bring to light the great conception of international concord. They had caught a glimpse of the new light, and they were happier because their tired eyes had been drawn from the endless disputes in the world and turned towards a golden future, in which the rivalry of nations was not for power or dominion, but for the best development and for the greatest good of the greatest number. This was the new internationalism.

Mrs. May Wright Sewall urged that through the ideal we climb to practical solutions for the benefit of humanity.

The internationalism of Nurses was represented by Miss Cutler and Miss Damer, the guests of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

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