

nors of the Royal Sussex County Hospital are naturally deeply grateful to him for his munificent support. Two years ago, through his generosity, the hospital was enabled to acquire the freehold of over five acres of land adjoining the grounds, thereby securing, for all time, a good supply of fresh air from the Downs. Mr. Borradaile next set himself to provide the patients with really comfortable, up-to-date bedsteads—an item almost as important as the supply of fresh air. This undertaking has just been completed. The points about the bedsteads worthy of notice are that each is provided with a diagonal wire spring mattress, with a device to obviate sagging, and the castors, being of the latest improved pattern, enable the bed to be moved without jarring the occupant. In the surgical wards, most of the bedsteads are fitted with a square head-end, which is of great service in nursing special cases, by means of sling pillows, and it is possible to remove this head-piece, thereby facilitating the administration of an anæsthetic in the ward, when necessary. Special bedsteads have been given for use in cases of fractured legs, and through the agency of a special rail, beneath the mattress, it is possible to remove the necessary fracture boards without discomfort to the patient. Many patients have expressed their real gratitude to the benefactor who has provided so generously for their greater comfort.

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Mrs. MacCoy Irwin is to deliver a course of six lectures on "Eugenics," at 45, Brook Street, W., on the following dates: January 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 30th and 31st, at 11.30 a.m. Ladies only can join the class, and those desirous of attending should send their names at once to Mrs. Fairfax, at the above address. Fee, one guinea.

SYNOPSIS OF LECTURES.

1. The Mother of the Race and Divine Feminism.
2. Man's Necessity and the Law of Self Control.
3. Racial Cell Poisons and Sex Degeneracy.
4. Sex Democracy and its Poet, Walt Whitman.
5. The Bar of Isis and Inviolable Motherhood.
6. The Mystery of the Circle and the Cross (Interpretation of Sex and Marriage.)

Lady Wantage has sent a donation of £200 and Mr. Alfred Langton a donation of £105 to the funds of the Royal National Orthopædic Hospital, in answer to the chairman's appeal.

GOLD MEDAL FOR NURSES.

The Mile End Board of Guardians are in future to present each year a gold medal, suitably inscribed, to the first nurse in the final examination of the year. The medal will cost £3 3s., and the die £3 3s.

A LOSS TO NURSING.

The news of the resignation by Miss A. C. Gibson of the post of Matron of the Infirmary, Birmingham, will be received with great regret by many nurses who owe to her the excellent training they have received, as well as by the nursing world at large.

Owing both to the important position which she has held, and to her own forceful personality, Miss Gibson has been a recognised leader in Poor Law nursing reform. She was trained at St. Thomas's Hospital, London, and sent from there to Brownlow Hill Infirmary, Liverpool, as Assistant Matron, where, after holding that position for a year, she was appointed Superintendent. During the following four years she became strongly impressed by the need of thoroughly well-taught nurses, with a true nursing spirit, for work in small hospitals and workhouses, and to supply this need she has devoted the best energies of her life.

When the large new Infirmary was opened in Birmingham twenty-three years ago Miss Gibson was appointed Matron; this gave her the desired opportunity, and she has made it her aim to train and teach nurses whose object is to nurse the very poor, and who are willing to go to country hospitals and workhouses possessed of a thorough training, and inspired by the nursing spirit which will not allow them to be daunted by discouraging surroundings in their wish to be first-rate nurses. They had every opportunity to enable them to fulfil this desire during their training, for Miss Gibson was a first-rate organiser, and they acquired method from her as well as sound professional knowledge. Many of her pupils have not continued in Poor Law work as she hoped, but she has the satisfaction of knowing that others have brought ease and comfort where it was greatly needed. She leaves at the Birmingham Infirmary a well-trained staff of 130 nurses, who have a charming nurses' home.

Miss Gibson has presented many papers on "Nursing in Workhouses" and on the "Care of the Feeble-Minded and Epileptic" at Poor Law Conferences and at Conferences of the National Union of Women Workers.

NURSING PROGRESS IN KOREA.

Miss Shields sends to *The American Journal of Nursing* tributes in the form of resolutions from the trained Nurses in Korea to record their love and appreciation of Mrs. Hampton Robb—"of her beautiful life and great work," and of the inspiration she has given to nurses the world over.

The Severance Hospital Nurses' Association at Seoul was organised in June this year. Its constitution, which has been translated into Korean, is very inspiring, and is quaintly set out as follows:—

Our Purpose: To be loyal to each other and to the school; to help each other professionally by

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