

Lady St. Davids, as Mrs. Wynford Phillips, was a great advocate of the social betterment of women. We hope she will therefore look into the economic relations of Welsh village nurses to the nursing profession as a whole, whose work they absorb, and whose very limited salaries prohibit the power of keeping themselves off the rates when worn out and unable to work.

The village nurse question is one of extreme importance to the poor, to whom they are represented as "trained" nurses, and also to the quality of women desirous of being efficient district nurses. By depreciating the training, educational standards, and salaries of district nurses there could be but one result—the well-qualified woman will not enter this branch of work in nearly sufficient numbers. District nursing includes so much of social service that those who attempt it require the most comprehensive, well-trained, mental qualities. No doubt the day will arrive when this truth will be realised here, as it is in the United States, but we cannot hope for reform until nursing education and discipline is largely controlled by trained nurses themselves, and not by those who have no right to assume such authority. The charity element must be eliminated and that of the State substituted before justice will be done to the rural poor in this connection.

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week Sir Everard Hambro, K.C.V.O., gave delightful garden parties to the staff, nurses, and residents of Guy's Hospital at Hayes Place, Kent. The weather was ideal and the lovely gardens were looking their best.

Owing to a technical irregularity a verdict and judgment entered in the London Sheriff's Court for Miss Hamp Adams, proprietress of a nursing home in London, for alleged assault by a patient's friend, has been declared void by the Court of Appeal.

The Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Nurses' Associated Alumnae of the United States, which met at Boston, U.S.A., in May, has done very wisely to change its somewhat cumbersome name. It decided for the future to be known as the "American Nurses' Association." This title is simple, comprehensive, and national, and we like it. It was decided that the American Nurses' Association and the Superintendents' Society, which together form the American Federation of Nurses, will send a delegate to the International Council of Nurses' Conference next year at Cologne.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King has received from Lord Iveagh the munificent gift of £50,000, which he asks may be distributed at his Majesty's pleasure to hospitals in Dublin, together with the Consumption Hospital at Newcastle, county Wicklow.

Her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg honoured the Queen's Hospital for Children with a visit on the 5th July, when she inspected the Operating Theatre, Wards, and Nurses' Home, with the arrangements of which she was greatly pleased. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, opens on Thursday in this week the Little Folks' Home at Bexhill, which is an invaluable adjunct to the Queen's Hospital, and a Fair in its support.

The Duke of Abercorn presided at a Coronation Dinner recently in support of the West London Hospital, at which a grand subscription list of £5,800 was announced.

"Telegrams" from celebrities unavoidably prevented from being present were read by Mr. Walter Emanuel, of *Punch*:—

Lord Kitchener wired from the offices of the London, Chatham, and Dover Railway: Sorry, too busy trying to turn L.C.D. into L.S.D.

Mr. Lloyd George: I don't think I want to meet any more doctors just now, thanks.

Mr. Masterman: I think you might have asked me to dinner seeing that I have just lost my Ham.

Lord Rosebery: Please don't address me as the Earl of Midlothian. To me a Rosebery does not smell so sweet by any other name.

A prominent Little Englander: Sorry have to attend important meeting to consider serious position disclosed by report of Coast Erosion Committee—which states that our island is growing in size yearly.

The Postmaster-General: Regret too busy trying to find out whose head they have printed on my new stamps.

The Designer of the New Stamps: Regret too busy trying to find out why public dissatisfied. They are really wonderful value. For a penny you can now get a stamp which has a twopenny halfpenny look.

The Colonial Premiers (*en masse*): Thanks. Have been to so many dinners that we would rather go into your hospital than come to your banquet.

The Kaiser: Sorry unable to accept West London Hospital, but take this opportunity of thanking you for kind attention given by you in the past to German measles.

The great need at the West London Hospital is a new Nurses' Home, and £10,000 is urgently required for this purpose. Wealthy Kensington should long ere this have supplied this moderate sum.

The Earl of Dartmouth, as President, will lay the foundation stone of the Miller General Hospital, Greenwich, on Tuesday, July 18th.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)