

*Publique* in Paris, assuring him of Mlle. Clément's appreciation of the confidence placed in her in appointing her to so honourable a position, and her hope that her acts will show better than words that his confidence is not misplaced. The second letter is to the pupils of the school, and acknowledging her indebtedness to Mlle. Grenier and the four monitresses in her work as Superintendent. It will be remembered that Mlle. Clément sent a charming letter of sympathetic greeting to her English colleagues on the occasion of the *Isla Stewart* Oration.

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### REFLECTIONS.

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#### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

His Royal Highness, Prince Arthur of Connaught K.G., has consented to become Patron of the twenty-seventh Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute, to be held at York in July next.

The annual report of the General Hospital, Birmingham, amongst many interesting items, states that the alteration of the Massage Department has given promise of success. Several pupils have already been received, and others are being arranged for, while it has enabled more massage work to be carried out. This method of treatment for surgical conditions, fractures, joints, &c., has greatly increased in recent years. The hire of radium, as required, has been continued, and the medical committee still have under consideration the question of the future use of this treatment. The X-Ray Department has been carrying out an increased amount of work during the past year, and the large number of Radiographs taken are an evidence of the great importance of this help in diagnosis for both surgical and medical cases.

The Board call the attention of all interested in the welfare of the hospital to the triennial Musical Festival, in October next. Special arrangements are being made for the convenience of subscribers, and it is hoped the result will be an appreciable addition to the hospital funds. They conclude by expressing their very hearty appreciation of the services rendered to the hospital by the House Governor, Mr. Howard J. Collins, and his staff. To the Matron, Miss Musson, and to the Resident Medical, Surgical and Nursing Staff, their cordial thanks are also offered.

The Governors of the Royal Hospital for Incurables at Dublin are to be congratulated upon their decision to abandon the scheme for the erection of a Sanatorium for consumptive patients in the grounds of the hospital. This institution is one of the most excellently managed hospitals in Ireland—and nothing should be done to lessen its great benefit to the incurable cases with which it deals.

### LEGAL MATTERS.

#### A NURSE'S FEES.

A case which is of importance to private nurses, and also to Superintendents of Nursing Institutions, was decided last week in the Manchester County Court, when Mrs. Mary Doris Lingard, of Morning-side, Victoria Park, Manchester, claimed £3 15s. for the services and travelling expenses of a nurse from a master at the Bury Grammar School. The nurse was engaged at £1 11s. 6d. per week, payable monthly. She was re-engaged at the end of the first month and her services were apparently satisfactory until she was summarily dismissed. It was contended for the plaintiff that there was nothing serious in the allegations now made against the nurse, or her engagement would not have been renewed. For the defence it was submitted that if the nurse left her employment before the end of the month under such an agreement she could not recover. The judge thought otherwise, and said: (1) if the allegations had been serious no doctor would have left his patient in the hands of such a nurse, and (2) although the salary was to be paid monthly it was fixed at so much a week, which meant that the employer had to pay for every week of service completed. He could not accept an argument which would permit an employer to get three weeks' service from a nurse and then dismiss her without payment.

#### HAMP-ADAMS v. HALL.

It will be remembered that some months ago Miss A. J. Hamp-Adams, of a Nursing Home in New Cavendish Street, was awarded £1,500 damages against Major Charles Hall for alleged assault, and that later, on appeal, the verdict was reversed. The case, which again came up recently, has ended in a settlement by which the defendant withdrew all suggestions made in the course of the case against the plaintiff, and also against her father, with an expression of regret that they had been made. On these and other terms handed in the record was withdrawn.

#### A CONTEMPTIBLE CRIMINAL.

At the Cheshire Assizes, before Lord Justice Coleridge, Hugh Sedler Beech was charged with causing grievous bodily harm to Miss Margaret Powell, of the Tilston and Guddington Nursing Association, found guilty and sentenced to twelve months' imprisonment in the second division.

The judge said that the prisoner's offence was aggravated by his unmanly and dastardly attempt to save himself at the expense of a woman's reputation.

#### SOEUR CANDIDE.

Sœur Candide, an ex-nun, formerly manageress of an institute for tuberculosis, has been sentenced by the Correctional Tribunal in Paris to eighteen months' imprisonment, under the First Offenders Act, the payment of a fine of 1000 francs, and the restoration of various sums in connection with a charge of false pretences.

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