

nurses. Discipline, resulting from good government, must be maintained by a Superintendent Nurse, or she is not fitted for her post.

We are very pleased to note that the Medical Board, after discussion, has decided that the proposed establishment of a private nursing staff in connection with King Edward VII. Hospital at Cardiff is undesirable. The bolstering up of charitable institutions on the earnings of nurses is more than undesirable, it is an exceedingly cruel method of exploitation where poor women's work is concerned, and high time that it is recognised as unjustifiable.

We are asked to make plain that the City of Dublin Hospital, in which the late Mrs. Kildare Treacy received her training, and the City of Dublin Nursing Institution are now not connected with each other. Formerly it was very usual for nursing institutions to undertake the nursing of hospitals, but of recent years most hospital committees prefer to engage and train their own staff, as in this case, and the nurses in both hospital and institution are proud of their respective schools.

Princess Henry of Battenberg has been elected President of the Sandown (Isle of Wight) District Nursing Association.

SCOTTISH MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly and annual meeting was held on Saturday, March 9th, in the Y.W.C.A., 80, Bath Street, Glasgow. Thirty-six members were present. During the year thirteen new members have been admitted, and three have resigned (two on account of marriage, and one on retiral), and a Vice-President died. The number on the roll is now one hundred and eight. The financial statement shewed a balance in hand of £12 4s. 4d. Miss Wise was elected Vice-President, filling the vacancy caused by the death of Miss Macnaughten. This caused a vacancy in the Council, which was filled by the election of Miss Merchant. The other officers were re-elected for another year. Amongst other business, the meeting of the International Congress of Nurses at Cologne was discussed, and the Association agreed to send a member to attend the Congress. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the President, and tea was then partaken of.

We hope other Associations of Scottish nurses will also take part in the Cologne Congress.

REFLECTIONS.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King and Queen paid a surprise visit to Guy's Hospital last Saturday, and were conducted through the wards and various departments by Lord Goschen, the treasurer, Sir E. Cooper Perry, the Superintendent, and the Matron, Miss L. V. Haughton. Their Majesties expressed great pleasure at all they saw, including the Nurses' Home, which is indeed a model, and the new operating theatres, which have only quite recently been opened.

The Queen has given her patronage to a matinée to be held on May 16th, in aid of the funds of the Great Northern Central Hospital.

Queen Alexandra has sent a donation of £5 to the Welwyn Cottage Hospital, in acknowledgment of the care bestowed there upon the chauffeur of one of the Royal cars, who was injured while driving it to Buckingham Palace.

Sir Edwin Durning Lawrence announced at the Annual Court of Governors of the Royal Free Hospital, over which he presided, that a large area of land had been secured at the rear of the hospital, on which a new out-patient department would be erected.

The Duchess of Portland last week opened the fine new Nottingham and Midland Eye Infirmary, the ceremony taking place in a ward henceforth to be known as the "Portland," in the presence of a distinguished gathering, including the Mayor (Councillor E. Mellor), Sir Charles Seeley, and many others. In declaring the building open, the Duchess said that neither money nor skill had been spared to make it as perfect as possible, down to the very smallest detail.

At the annual meeting of The Hospital for Women, Soho Square, it was reported that on New Year's Day a lady called at the hospital and gave an anonymous donation of £100, in recognition of the kindness and treatment which she received in 1880 as an out-patient.

At the annual court of the corporation of King's College Hospital, Mr. Herbert Haynes Twining was elected treasurer of the hospital in succession to Mr. Charles Awdry.

Brentford Cottage Hospital has been excused payment of rates as so many old subscribers have recently fallen off.

Gorleston Cottage Hospital, Great Yarmouth, is now, for the first time, out of debt, chiefly owing to the contribution of Mr. Arthur Fell, M.P. for Yarmouth, who has divided his parliamentary salary among the borough hospitals.

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