

by Auckland trained nurses; this is a unique record for any hospital in State hospital examinations.

Lady Islington, in making the presentations, congratulated the recipients, who, she said, had brought honour to the hospital and to the town of Auckland. She said examinations had been won during the leisure hours, and one had only to visit the hospital to learn what that meant. She did not think they could applaud or admire the nurses too much, and, as a resident of Auckland, if only for a few months of the year, she felt a glow of pride in their achievement. Nurses who could take such high honours in these examinations, and at the same time be, as they had been satisfactory and tender nurses of the sick, were likely to prove a blessing to, and go far in, that noble profession which they had chosen. Her Excellency said she wished she had the power to act as a host of fairy god-mothers at the opening of the Nurses' Home, and endow it with an atmosphere of rest and peace, so that for all entering it feelings of care should pass away. She felt that she wanted superhuman eloquence to be able to express her admiration for hospital nurses, for to voluntarily face the sad and distressing in life, and to try and mitigate it, was surely the most Christian and angelic instinct of human kind. She never visited a hospital without being struck with the cheerfulness of the patients, who were only reflecting the unselfishness and loving care of their nurses.

Known as the "Iron Aunt," because she received the Iron Cross for gallantry in the field after the 1866 and 1870 campaigns, the oldest German nursing sister, Amalie Levy, has just died, aged seventy-seven, and has been buried at Frankfort-on-Main with full military honours.

THE (BIENNIAL) HEALTH CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION.

A tremendous amount of experience and energy is being expended in the organisation of the Health Conference and Exhibition, to be held at the Horticultural Hall, Westminster, from June 24th to 27th, of which a preliminary programme appeared in this journal recently, and great success is apparently to be the result. Admission will be free to all public workers and others interested in health questions who apply for tickets before the opening day to Miss R. V. Gill, 35, Ludgate Hill, E.C., and as the railways have agreed to give cheap tickets, vouchers can also be procured from her. A stamp should be sent for reply.

REFLECTIONS.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Towards the Middlesex Memorial to King Edward £4,592 has been raised, and it has been decided to place a bust of the late King in the new Guildhall, when built, at Westminster, and to apply the interest on the balance of the fund to send Middlesex poor sick children to convalescent homes.

The Chelsea Hospital for Women has received from the Misses Wheeler three cheques of £100 each towards the Rebuilding Fund.

The committee for the removal of King's College Hospital to Denmark Hill have received the sum of £2,000 from Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son, in aid of that object.

Mr. H. Spencer Johnson, Assistant Secretary, has been appointed Secretary of the City of London Lying-in Hospital, E.C. A resolution has been adopted recognising Mr. R. A. Outhwaite's services as secretary for over forty years.

The King and Queen will visit Bristol to open the King Edward VII Memorial Infirmary on June 28th. The memorial will cost £70,000.

The President of the Bristol General Hospital (Mr. Joseph Storrs Fry) and committee acknowledge with much gratitude the receipt of a very generous donation of £1,000 from Sir Gilbert A. H. Wills, Bart., towards the special fund for the enlargement of the institution. This makes the total received £44,350, and leaves a balance of £650 to complete the original £45,000 required. Estate duty, amounting to £1,475 has, unfortunately, however, had to be paid. The committee hope that friends of the hospital will generously help them with the balance of £2,000 required to complete the fund.

Lady Wantage opened at Reading last week the new building of the Royal Berkshire Hospital, and the new children's ward which is the county memorial to the late King, and has cost £6,000.

The London Homœopathic Hospital has received a promise of £500 from Mr. Edwin Tate towards the fund for the extension of the Homœopathic Convalescent Home at Eastbourne for the reception of men patients as well as for women and children as at present. It is estimated that about £3,000 will be required and the Right Hon. the Earl of Dysart has promised £100 if the balance of only £300 still required is donated or promised so that the home can be extended before the coming summer. Donations should be sent to the Secretary, Mr. Edward A. Attwood, London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, London, W.C.

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