

from all points of the route across this part of the sound, intercepted by the rocky elevation of the South Island, and is of no use as a guide. The preventive men, too, seemed to be bound in slumber's chain at this unearthly hour.

I have mentioned this last occurrence to ward off future dangers, and point out the risks encountered by the crew and the nurse, with exhausting nerve worry to a waiting patient—all owing, in this case, to a circumstance so easily righted, yet so carelessly overlooked.

And this is the type of woman Sir Frederick Eve presumes is incapable of nursing the rural poor because she is trained!

TRAINED WOMEN NURSES FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

This Society, which has been formed to meet the special requirements of women nurses only, trained and in training, who require to insure under the National Insurance Act, and is entirely self-governing, is now prepared to issue proposal forms to those desiring to join the Society. Apply to the Hon. Secretary, Miss Mollett, 431, Oxford Street, London, W. A meeting to elect officers will be held in London at an early date.

KING OF SPAIN DECORATES MRS. PARODI

Permission has been given by the King to Mrs. Elena Josephine Emily Parodi, the wife of Mr. H. P. Parodi, of Gibraltar, to accept and wear the Cross of the First Class of the Order of Military Merit, which decoration has been conferred upon her by the King of Spain, in recognition of valuable services rendered by her to the Spanish sick and wounded during the Melilla campaign.

GOLD BADGE FOR MISS AYRES.

Miss Ayres, President of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association, has left Victoria for South Africa, and before departure she was presented with the Gold Badge of the Association in recognition of her work for the organization of trained nursing. In thanking the Council for the gift Miss Ayres expressed the hope that a nurse should hold the position of President or Vice-President of the Association next year.

PRESENTATION.

Miss A. Clark, who has resigned the position of Matron to the Finchley Cottage Hospital, was before her departure presented by Miss Dykes, the chief nurse, with a beautiful silver fruit bowl and silver sugar basin from the staff. In expressing her thanks and in bidding them good-bye Miss Clark wished them all every happiness and success in their future life.

REFLECTIONS.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

There was a crowded and enthusiastic audience at the Mansion House on Monday, when the Lord Mayor presided at the fifty-fifth anniversary of the London Biblewomen and Nurses' Mission, an excellent society now located at 25, Russell Square, W.C. The Lord Mayor was supported by the Lady Mayoress, the Marquis of Northampton, Dr. Holmes, Archdeacon of London, Sir Alfred Pearce Gould and others. The Lord Mayor said that matters little understood when he was a medical student were well understood now, and numberless lives were saved which would then have been sacrificed.

Sir Alfred Pearce Gould referred to the need for greater co-operation with kindred and forward movements, and as a proof of the scope of the work of the Society Miss Puxley, the General Secretary mentioned that its nurses, all of whom are fully trained, work in connection with the London County Council at treatment centres for school children, and also in tuberculosis work.

Although the subscriptions of the Society have not covered its annual expenditure, it has had a number of legacies, and also has a reserve fund. A gift of £1,000 was received in the hall.

Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll recently visited Glasgow and opened the Cancer Hospital, announcing that the King directed that the hospital should in future be named the Glasgow Royal Cancer Hospital.

Sir Henry Burdett has retired from the Council of the Royal National Pension Fund for Nurses, and, presumably, from the Deputy Chairmanship of the fund. Why? It was mainly through this organization that the circulation of his weekly paper for nurses was built up—a very profitable venture, and through which he has been able to keep an anti-registration grip upon thousands of its members, much to the detriment of the status and economic conditions of the profession as a whole. We have always frankly objected to the monopoly of the control of nurses' money by a Council of financiers upon which they are excluded from effective representation, however altruistic may be the intentions of these gentlemen.

The Annual Meeting and Show of articles received was held by the Ladies' Linen League in connection with the Essex County Hospital on Wednesday, June 5th, about forty associates accepting the Matron's invitation. 849 articles and 86 yards of Turkey twill were received, which included 100 sheets (linen), 49 draw sheets, 120 pillow cases, 167 hand towels, 26 round towels, 75 bath towels, glass and tea cloths, sterilizing towels, locker cloths, table cloths and bed jackets. This exceeds previous years.

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