

Among the supporters of the scheme, which will be known as the National Association of Registered Nursing Homes, are the Duchess of Somerset, the Duchess of Marlborough, Lady Downshire, Lord Dunmore, Lord Roberts, V.C., K.G., Lady Kinnoull, the Bishop of London, Lady St. Helier, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Dr. Christopher Addison, M.P., Dr. Mary Scharlieb, Dr. Leonard Dobson, Mr. B. Mower White, Dr. T. J. Horder, Mr. Joseph Francis (chairman of the City of London Lying-in Hospital), and Mr. Percy Simmons, L.C.C., who is carrying through the work of registration.

There will be a small subscription payable by members of the association, but after the payment of the administration expenses any surplus of income over expenditure will be vested in trustees appointed by the members of the association, to be used by them for furthering the objects of the association.

THE LEAGUE OF SCHOOL NURSES.

At a meeting of the above League, held on Friday, September 6th, a resolution was carried unanimously in favour of the proposed Nurses' International Memorial to Miss Florence Nightingale. The proposal is that each nurse in the world shall, sooner or later—sooner the better, of course—give one day's pay towards establishing an Educational Memorial of our great Teacher. Such a sum would not tax any nurse unduly.

We have pleasure in announcing that Miss Nutting—Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York—has promised the first subscription, a most generous one of £25. We want to found a Nightingale Chair of Nursing. Why not? Let us try.

Miss R. B. Downing, the hon. secretary of the League of School Nurses, has most kindly promised to send us some copies of the charming little snap-shot that she took at Kaiserswerth, of the decorated windows of the room used by Miss Nightingale, when working there sixty years ago. Those who would like to have a copy will oblige by sending a stamped envelope, with their application, to the Hon. Secretary, N.C.N., 431, Oxford Street, London, W.

POOR LAW REFORM.

The Departmental Committee of the Local Government Board (Sir J. G. Davy, Assistant Secretary, Sir A. H. Downes, Medical Inspector for Poor Law purposes, and Mrs. T. Smith, with Mr. H. W. S. Francis, as Secretary) entrusted with the difficult task of reporting upon the revision of the Poor Law Orders have prepared a draft for an Order to regulate the management of Poor Law institutions.

REFLECTIONS.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The new Fever Hospital at Cameron Bridge, Fife, to be known as the Cameron Hospital, and of which Miss Margaret Jack has been appointed Matron, will not be opened to patients until the end of October. The Burgh of Buckhaven, Methil, and Innerleven, which has erected the hospital, has wisely chosen a most beautiful spot for it, and has spared no pains in making it conveniently up-to-date in every way. With Miss Jack in charge, the Town Council may rest assured that the patients admitted will have the best of conscientious care.

The late Mr. Graham Vivian, of Clyne Castle, Blackpyll, Glamorgan, has left £10,000 to Swansea Hospital.

The principal remedies which the committee appointed by King Edward's Hospital Fund for London to inquire into the system prevailing with regard to the admission of out-patients suggest, for the removal of abuses are:—

1. The development of the almoner system.
2. The limitation of the number of the almoner patients.
3. The development of provident agencies. And
4. The development of co-ordination among hospitals.

Working men contribute most generously to the upkeep of the Royal Victoria Hospital at Newcastle-on-Tyne, and apparently they also wish for a very wide measure of control. The provocative suggestion made at a recent meeting that the miners might start a "thank-offering" movement by subscribing the £1,500 which they would have given but for the strike, naturally met with the prompt reply "Let the owners pay." However, it is satisfactory to know that every colliery in the county contributes to the infirmary.

The Dowager Countess of Carlisle has sent £1,000 for the endowment of a bed in the Cumberland Infirmary, in memory of her late husband, the Earl of Carlisle. Lady Carlisle wishes the committee to have placed over the bed the following inscription:—"This bed is dedicated on behalf of George James, 9th Earl of Carlisle, to the use of sufferers who come to this hospital for comfort and healing." Miss Julia Fleming, of Stanwix, has also sent £1,000 for the endowment of a bed in the institution in memory of her late father, who for a long time carried on business in Carlisle.

Under the will of the late Mr. Job Samuel Watson Palethorpe, retired lithographer and engraver, the Nottingham General Hospital and the Nottingham Children's Hospital have benefited

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