

sciences of those present covered the history of the hospital pretty well from the seventies to within the last year or two, and many were the anecdotes told of the old sisters—now, alas! no longer a part of Bart's—and many were the "Do you remember's?" heard around.

"The chairman was the Hon. Surgeon-General Sir C. P. Lukis, K.C.S.I., and in proposing the toast of the old hospital he touched lightly on the fact that at the present moment nearly every medical post of any importance in India is held by an old Bart's man, adding that while we are all proud of our old hospital, he thought the hospital had no cause to be ashamed of her sons in India.

"We all cordially endorsed his wish that this dinner may now become an annual function."

Nurses have many titles, but Prairie Nurses is something new, and the new development of the Railway Mission in Canada in providing for a staff of nurses has been possible by a grant from the Archbishop's Fund of £500.

The Colonial Nursing Association are supplying the first three nurses, and they sailed on Friday last week by the *Empress of Ireland*. To anyone who knows Western Canada, and has experienced the hardships incident to pioneer life in the prairie, this scheme will at once commend itself. It will certainly strengthen the work of the Railway Mission, which has already become very popular with the settlers.

Besides these nurses, two other ladies—Miss Pownoll-Wright and Miss Mudge, both well-known educationists—sailed for Regina on Saturday last. They are to work in connection with the Railway Mission also. Their special work will be the establishment of a hostel in Regina, where the young girl teachers who are taking their courses at the Normal School may live.

THE AMERICAN NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the American Nurses' Association, recently held at Chicago, was immensely successful. The Secretary writes:—"The Chicago Conference was all so big and wonderful, and we never have had such a meeting. The Visiting Nurses' Society organised, and it was great."

The Superintendents' Society has now affiliated with the American Nurses' Association, so that matrons and nurses form one national association—as we have under the Constitution of our National Council of Nurses—thus the old American Federation ceases to exist; but the President, Miss Adelaide Nutting, has been appointed an official delegate to the International Council meeting in Cologne, and will be welcomed with the greatest pleasure.

REFLECTIONS.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

During the visit of the King and Queen to Wales, they inspected the Royal Hamadryad Seamen's Hospital, at Cardiff, when the matron, Miss Davis, had the honour of being presented to Their Majesties.

At the visit paid to the King Edward VII. Hospital at Cardiff, the King and Queen went through the wards under the guidance of Miss Wilson, the matron. They talked with many of the patients and remarked upon the brightness of the wards, in which were several bouquets that the Queen had caused to be sent to the institution. Both hospitals were *en fête*.

The Royal Infirmary, Bristol, which the King and Queen next visited, to open the King Edward VII. Memorial, was founded in 1735, and it has dealt with 2½ million patients in its long career. Amongst the senior officials presented was Miss Baillie, the matron, and the nursing staff presented a charming appearance. The King and Queen expressed admiration of the arrangements of the hospital and nurses' home.

The King, patron of the Seamen's Hospital Society, has announced his intention of laying the foundation-stone of the new wing of the London School of Tropical Medicine on the occasion of his visit to the branch of the Dreadnought Hospital, in the Albert Dock, on July 17th.

An anonymous gift of £20,000 was announced at the annual prize distribution of St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School, at which the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were present.

The matron of St. John's Hospital, Twickenham, has instituted a million farthing scheme, to provide a convalescent home for the patients.

The President and Committee of the Royal West of England Sanatorium at Weston-super-Mare, require £700 to rebuild the sea-water collecting tank and for fixing a new Pulsometer boiler to pump up the sea water for the baths.

The Committee would emphasize the great benefits derived from the baths since they were opened in 1889 in almost all cases, especially gout, rheumatism and nerve affections. Over 7,000 baths were given to the patients last year.

Under the very able superintendence of Miss Edith Mawe this institution enjoys a widespread popularity.

The Gas Light and Coke Company, which was incorporated by Royal Charter on April 30th, 1812, celebrated its centenary year last week, and in a well-written and copiously illustrated book issued by the company the history of this vast undertaking is set forth.

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