

spring flowers have disappeared. Fourteen years since I saw a Spring in England! I once got home in time to see a very few bluebells on the run up from Dover to London, and I hope by April 19th some few will have kept back their beauty and sweetness to gladden weary longing hearts and eyes. If you have a late Spring, and are inclined to grumble, remember your exiled sisters, and don't regret it."

Miss Tindall may be sure of a very warm welcome at home. Her wonderful work for the improvement of nursing in India and the inspiration she is to nurses all over India, is shown in the organization of the National Association, and is well known and most gratefully acknowledged by her international colleagues. Let us hope that by the first week in June she will be sufficiently rested to take part in the Nursing Conference in Dublin. We are hoping to entice several friends from overseas to the Emerald Isle for an occasion which is already arousing so much interest and pleasurable anticipation.

We have received the Report for 1912 of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association, which, in its dainty white and gold cover, presents a most attractive appearance. It contains an interesting account of the origin of the present Association, the prime movers being the Hon. Lady Lyttelton, Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson, and Mrs. Cuthell, and states that Mrs. Sheppard, "by her indefatigable efforts and generous assistance, is truly entitled to be regarded as the pioneer of a trained nursing system throughout India." In 1905 Lady Minto's co-operation was secured by the Home Committee, and the enlarged Association received the name it now bears.

THE DUBLIN CONFERENCE.

We are pleased to know that much interest has already been aroused in the Irish Nursing world concerning the Conference to be held in Dublin in June. The Committee are considering an extremely interesting programme, and already several Papers have been promised by experts well able to handle their subjects. It is probable a Dinner will be arranged, as such an occasion provides an opportunity for the exchange of graceful amenities between the hostess Association and its guests. Fortune smiles upon us in that Miss Huxley will this year be President of the Irish Nurses' Association, and the high estimation entertained for her throughout the profession will make her an ideal President of the Conference.

REFLECTIONS!

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Queen and Princess Mary paid a visit last Saturday to the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, and made a tour of the wards, accompanied by the resident medical officer the Secretary, Mr. H. G. Evered, and the Matron, Miss Jane Watson. The hospital contains upwards of 100 beds. Queen Mary expressed her appreciation of the arrangements of the hospital.

Princess Christian has promised to lay the foundation stone of the new out-patient department and extension of the Royal Free Hospital next May, and the extension will be known as the "Helena" Wing. £7,000 is still required before the fulfilment of a contingent gift of £5,000 can be claimed, the condition being that the sum of £15,000 shall be raised in donations or gifts between December and next March.

The committee of the national fund to commemorate the silver jubilee of the German Emperor has decided that the proceeds shall be devoted to Christian missions, both Protestant and Catholic, in the German colonies.

The authorities at the Homoeopathic Hospital, Birmingham, have been greatly gratified by the offer of a chimney sweep, who, being unable to give a monetary thankoffering for assistance he had received, asked to be allowed to clean the chimneys at the hospital during the next six months free of charge.

The offer has been gratefully accepted, and as there are twenty chimneys in use every day at the institution, it is no small task that this grateful patient has set himself. He has also set a fine example to others.

Those interested in Poor Law Reform will be interested in a little book lately published by Mr. G. W. Hills and Mr. Maurice Woods, and which is the result of the labours of the Unionist Social Reform Committee. It may be said that the scheme of the Unionists, which it is proposed should be fitted into the existing Local Government machinery, is a *via media* between the majority and minority reports of that Commission.

At a recent meeting of the Committee of the Tyrone County Hospital, Omagh, Dr. Thompson reported the death of Nurse Gordon, who developed enteric fever whilst attending patients in the Fever Hospital, Omagh. Colonel Battersby proposed: "That this Board has heard with extreme regret of the death of Nurse Gordon, who lost her life in the faithful discharge of her duty, and we hereby tender to her bereaved relatives our sincerest sympathy in their sad loss." The Rev. H. W. Morrow seconded the motion, which was passed in silence.

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