

Balkan war. They have proved their extraordinary tenacity, as well as deep patriotism."

Kai-Tiaki is quite mistaken in its supposition that THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING discourages the right type of nurse from emigrating. Wherever women are enfranchised, as they are in New Zealand, we think the right type will find a sympathetic environment, and shall be pleased to encourage such emigration. But many of the ill-educated girls who are now admitted for training in many hospitals—owing to the shortage of the well-educated, valuable women to be obtained in the past—are quite unfit for the strenuous, sensible life in our Colonies. These young women are far too "fine" to realize how honourable is labour, and their one idea is to get off duty and have a good time. This type of person is always "anti"—anti-suffrage, anti-registration—intolerably parasitic. She is no use as an Empire builder. We don't advise her to emigrate because we want the Dominions beyond seas to have our best, and not the poor things who bring no credit on the Old Country.

We learn that Governor Sulzer, of New York State, is shocked at the condition of health and sanitation in the State, and that, as it is his ambition to make it the healthiest State in the Union, he has appointed a commission of experts with broad powers to investigate and recommend measures for improvement. Associated with the eight men who form this Commission is Miss Adelaide Nutting, of Teachers' College, who is the only lady placed on it. A host in herself, we hope she will render invaluable service. Governor Sulzer has learned since he took office that, owing to the pollution of streams and failure to apply the safeguards sanitary science suggests, many places in the State suffer epidemics of typhoid fever from one end of the year to the other. The toll taken by tuberculosis, diphtheria, and scarlet fever also has been heavy. The mortality among children less than two years old is large.

The Nurses' Home at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, is the richer by a portrait of Mrs. Hampton Robb, the first Principal of this famous training school, by Sergeant Kendall. The *Nurses' Alumnae Magazine* states that no description can give any adequate conception of the grace and beauty of the picture, which represents Mrs. Robb, as she first appeared before a Baltimore audience, an embodiment of womanly vigour, with a charm of manner and a contagious enthusiasm which won all hearts.

REFLECTIONS:

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Countess of Plymouth presided on Saturday at the third annual "At-home" of the Childer-Chaine, in aid of the Belgrave Hospital for Children. Letters were received from the King and Queen and Queen Alexandra expressing thanks for calendars which had been sent to their Majesties.

The new Hounslow Hospital, to accommodate twenty-four patients, and which has cost £5,000, was opened last week by Princess Christian.

The Council of the British Hospitals Association has presented a memorial to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in which it petitions that all such institutions shall be relieved from the action of the legacy duty, which, the petition declares, not only takes one-tenth of all bequeathments, but tends to act as a deterrent influence on intending benefactors.

The Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, has received a cheque for £331 7s. from the editor of *Little Folks* towards the funds of its seaside branch, the "Little Folks" Home at Bexhill.

We are always pleased to note the determination of hospital and infirmary managers to build new Nurses' Homes. At a meeting of Preston Board of Guardians recently the provision of a nurses' Home at Fulwood Workhouse was discussed, and it was decided to proceed with the provision of a Nurses' Home to accommodate thirty nurses, at an approximate cost of £3,000.

It has been decided by the Guardians to erect a new nurses' home adjacent to the Basford Workhouse, at the cost of £2,500, to accommodate ten nurses. Money well spent.

On the initiative of Mr. Leslie Scott, Mr. Dickinson, Lord Claud Hamilton, and Mr. Crooks, a memorial to the Prime Minister has been signed by many members of all parties in the House of Commons urging the Government to secure the passage of the Mental Deficiency Bill this Session, or, if that should be found impossible, to reintroduce it as a Government measure early next Session.

It is proposed to endow a bed in one of the Homes for Women at the Chalfont Colony for Epileptics, Bucks, as a memorial to Miss Louisa Twining. Her work for the betterment of the sick in hospitals and workhouse infirmaries is well known, but it is not so generally known how much the sufferings of epileptics appealed to her sympathies. She understood their disabilities, and, showing her sympathy in the practical form of the good Samaritan, took them into her own house. Her friends feel that no memorial would please her better.

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