

rules to which they took exception out of respect for themselves. They asked that Miss King, who had spoken for them all, should be permitted to finish her training. The Committee have issued the following notice.

"The Committee of the Cama and Allbless Hospital Nursing Association thoroughly endorse the action of the Lady Superintendent in respect of rules issued by her on 10th July. They view with great surprise and disapprobation the action of the pupil-nurses in refusing to obey these rules, which are in every respect reasonable and part of the ordinary duties of the nursing profession to be learnt by all pupil nurses, and the action of the pupil nurses in refusing duty on account of the issue of these rules is a grave breach of discipline and deserving of the severest censure. With the exception of the leaders in this insubordination the Committee are prepared to allow the pupil-nurses who immediately return to duty and fully accept these rules to continue their present course of training."

The above episode shows the difficulties with which those who endeavour to train natives in India and elsewhere are confronted. No Western nurse would think of refusing to perform any service which tends to the comfort and betterment of the sick, and attention to the stools of a patient, especially in cases of enteric and dysentery, is a most important nursing duty. Viewed from the standpoint of an Oriental such work is not only regarded as menial but involves the breaking of caste, which is considered, in most instances, as an impossible thing to do. The difficulty of caste does not occur in the case of Eurasians, but a Eurasian nurse who claims a higher social position than the native would consider it derogatory to perform duties which natives refuse, as she would be looked down upon by them in consequence. A Eurasian working with European nurses and seeing them perform this work would probably be willing to do so also.

We have many difficulties in connection with nurse training in this country but caste laws are happily not one of them. We understand that Western and not Eastern ideals are to prevail at the Cama Hospital.

Miss J. C. Child, Superintendent General of the Order of King Edward VII Nurses in South Africa has taken up her residence at the charming new home of the Order at Kronstad, which provides accommodation for four nurses. Lady Gladstone has provided a library of 200 books.

Twelve nurses of the Royal Infirmary Bristol are ready to start at once for Greece on the arrival of a cable from the Queen.

## THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

### THE ROYAL WEST SUSSEX HOSPITAL, CHICHESTER.

The West Sussex Hospital, Chichester, which has been practically rebuilt, as a memorial to King Edward VII, little remaining of the old hospital but the facade of the building, was re-opened on Saturday last by the King.

The reconstruction scheme has been carried out at a cost of £16,000. Of this sum £10,000 was given by the late Mr. William James, and Mrs. James and other donors have also given generously to the scheme.

On His Majesty's arrival at the Hospital an address of welcome was presented by the chairman of the Board of Management (Major Channey) and the King in course of his reply expressed his pleasure in being present to re-open the fine building, renovated and reconstructed as a memorial to his beloved father, and expressed his satisfaction that the West Sussex memorial had taken a form which would perpetuate for many generations the remembrance of the late King's sympathy with hospitals. He referred to the munificence of the late Mr. James, and announced that he had much pleasure in acceding to the request presented to him that the institution might henceforth be known as the Royal West Sussex Hospital.

His Majesty then inspected the various departments of the hospital and gave great pleasure to many of the patients by conversing with them, especially to a man who for nearly thirty years has been blind and who had previously expressed a wish to hear His Majesty's voice, a request gratified by the King in a most kindly and sympathetic manner.

The reconstruction scheme includes an up-to-date operating theatre, sanitary towers with cross ventilation, spacious balconies, and new staff quarters. The number of beds remains about the same the object of the scheme being improvement, not enlargement. A number of presentations were made to His Majesty in the course of his visit.

### THE HOSPITAL SUNDAY FUND.

A number of Nursing Associations have received grants from the Hospital Sunday Fund, including Belvedere, Abbey Wood, £6 6s.; Brixton, £25 4s.; Central St. Pancras, £25 4s.; Chelsea and Pimlico, £25 4s.; Hackney, £25 4s.; Hammersmith, £50 8s.; Hampstead, £18 18s.; Isleworth, £12 12s.; Kensington, £50 8s.; Kilburn, £6 6s.;

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