

graduating class is still in the hospital, and she has become a most useful member of the force as head operating nurse. She has absorbed something of the dash and energy of the American nurses, all of whom have had excellent training in American hospitals, and have given themselves heartily to the work of training their little brown sister in their profession. It is astonishing to see how the personality of these American nurses has stamped itself on these Filipino girls, who become more energetic in their work, and even brighten up their countenances by associating so closely with American women.

### PRESENTATIONS.

Miss M. Hitch, who has resigned the appointment of Queen's Nurse at Portslade after a decade of work, has been the recipient of a handsome gold watch and chain bearing the inscription "Presented to Miss M. Hitch, Queen's Nurse, Portslade, 1904 to 1914, by her friends and grateful patients," with an album, containing the names of about 350 subscribers. The presentation was made at Loxdale, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mews, by Mrs. Herbert Mews, the Hon. Secretary, in the presence of a large company. Mr. Mews, in extending a hearty welcome to those present, said that when first it was proposed to have a Queen's Nurse there were not wanting those who prophesied disaster. The Rev. Vicars A. Boyle said he well remembered at the inaugural meeting one of these critics said they did not want a trained hospital nurse, but a nice motherly woman who would go down on her knees and scrub the floor. Portslade was full of nice motherly women who would help their neighbours, but they had not got the skill of the trained nurse who brought science and knowledge and skill to nursing. Most of those present knew the splendid work Miss Hitch had done in the ten years; she did a great deal more than skilled work in patients' houses. She was a missionary of health, teaching the people how to preserve their health, and raising the standard of life right through the district. For instance, the infant mortality in the district had steadily decreased, and he believed the work of the Queen's Nurse was a very important factor in securing that decrease.

Miss Hitch briefly and appreciatively acknowledged the gift.

Nurse Stoye, who has worked under the Cornwall County Nursing Association since 1904, has been presented on leaving her district with a silver kettle on stand; a silver tea tray, cream jug, and sugar basin; a case of fish knives and forks; a purse, with £8.

These gifts were made in appreciation of loyal and devoted services.

### REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

On Saturday, July 18th, the King Edward VII. Memorial Nurses Home, connected with the Bolton Infirmary, was opened by St. Thomas Barlow. The Home, which affords accommodation for eight sisters and thirty-two nurses, in addition to the Assistant Matron, has been built at a cost of £10,000. In addition to the dining and sitting rooms, a writing and a sick room are provided, and each nurse has her own bedroom, comfortably furnished, quiet, and home like. In the entrance hall two marble tablets have been placed, on which are recorded historical facts of importance and the names of those responsible for carrying the scheme into effect.

It is announced that Mr. Edwin Tate, of Park Street, Park Lane, has made to St. Bartholomew's Hospital a gift of £5,000, the income of which is to be employed "to assist necessitous persons to obtain artificial teeth."

A most wise gift. The new fund should reduce the amount of general disease which springs directly from septic conditions of the mouth.

The Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, E.C., this year celebrates the hundredth year of its existence, and is issuing a Special Appeal for £60,000 to provide for the general purposes of the hospital, for additional research work in tuberculosis and other diseases of the chest, and for the modernisation and enlargement of the In-patient Department. The hospital was the first in the world to be set apart for the study and treatment of diseases of the chest.

Last week the foundation stone of the East Sussex Hospital new buildings at Hastings, was laid, with full Masonic rites, by the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Sussex.

A further gift of £10,000 has been made to Cardiff Medical School by the anonymous donor who has previously given sums equivalent to £90,000.

### THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH.

The Council in pursuance of the terms of a Trust, which enables them to award annually a Gold Medal to a Public Health Medical Official at Home or Abroad, in recognition of conspicuous services rendered to the Cause of Preventive Medicine within the British Empire, have conferred the Medal for 1914, upon James Niven, Esquire, M.A., M.B., LL.D., Medical Officer of Health for the City of Manchester.

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