through the Eyes of an Englishman." Open to all Nurses whether members of the College or not. They may also bring a lady friend.

Monday, December 12th.—At the University at 5.30 p.m. Mr. Comyns Berkley will give an Address to Nurses. All Nurses whether College members or not will be welcome.

A STRONG DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

A recent meeting of the Swansea Hospital Board, according to the Western Mail, adopted a resolution of the house committee, recommending that the board withdraw its support from the College of Nursing, Ltd., with whom there is a strong difference of opinion concerning the rules of the College.

Mr. C. Tuckfield said that when the College first asked for support it was understood that the institution was for the benefit of the whole of the nursing profession. They found, however, that the College had left outside a large number of nurses in smaller hospitals, whom they thought should benefit by the institution. The house committee had recommended the withdrawal of support, but he thought a fresh effort should be made to have the rules, which excluded some nurses, altered.

Dr. Lancaster moved an amendment that they again ask the college to modify their rules before

severing their connection with the movement. Dr. F. W. Brooks seconded, but the amendment

was lost by fifteen votes to eleven.

Notice of a resolution indicating the position taken up by the hospital in relation to the College, was given by Dr. Brooks. This resolution, whilst expressing approval of the raising of the standard and status of nursing, deplored the cruel and unjustifiable treatment accorded by the College to certain nurses trained at smaller hospitals and others.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The death of Lord Sandhurst, Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, who since 1912 has held the office of Lord Chamberlain of the Household removes from our midst a personality more intimately associated with nursing politics than many nurses realise. He presided over the Select Committee of the House of Lords in 1890 and 1891 which was appointed to inquire into the management of the London Hospitals, when the question of State Registration of Nurses) as well as the management of the nursing department of the London Hospital, was investigated at some detail.

He was present when the Petition of the Royal British Nurses' Association praying to be incorporated by Royal Charter was heard by the Privy Council in 1892, and we well remember how when a Bart.'s nurse tripped up to him in the lobby of the House of Lords in 1919, and asked him not to support Lord Goschen's Nurses' Registration Bill he replied "I have voted for State Registration, and I have voted against State Registration, and you will see how I shall vote." Finally on behalf of the Government he skilfully piloted its Bill, which became an Act on December 23rd, 1919, through

its stages in the House of Lords, often after mid-

night, at those December sittings.

To Lady Sandhurst, who is also interested in nursing questions, and a member of the Standing Committee of No. 1 Hospital, T.A.N.S., nurses will wish to offer their sincere sympathy.

The King and Queen and other members of the Royal Family were represented at the funeral service of Lord Sandhurst, which was held at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, and the interment took place at Aldbury, near Tring.

Lord Stanmore has been appointed Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital to succeed Lord Sandhurst. He is a Lord-in-Waiting to the King, and the second Baron, and has held a commission in the Gordon Highlanders. Lord Stanmore has accepted office at a difficult time in the history of this grand old hospital, and we wish him all success during his tenure of office.

The Secretary of the Westminster Hospital is anxious to thank, through the Press, the general public and friends of the hospital who, in response to the Westminster Hospital Ladies' Association Pound Day Appeal, gave so generously in money and food. The money collected by nurses and students and donations to the Ladies' Association amounted to over £420. Gifts of food, totalling 2,000 lb. in weight, were received.

It was reported to the Metropolitan Asylums Board on Saturday that between September 4th and November 3rd, 11,500 cases were admitted to the Board's fever hospitals and that the patients now number 9,500. Sufficient accommodation could not be found to meet the requirements, and it had been decided to adopt a system of selection, preference being given to necessitous cases, especially those coming from homes where there is unemployment.

The Nursing Staffs of the four Voluntary Hospitals of Sheffield are anxious to do something towards reducing the large debt which at present is curtailing their work. With this object in view they purpose holding a large bazaar in May, 1922. As a preliminary step a Jumble Sale will be held next Saturday, November 19th, in the Cutlers' Hall. The hospitals concerned are the Royal Hospital, the Royal Infirmary, the Children's Hospital, and the Jessop Hospital.

The Matrons ask old members of their staffs to send a contribution, no matter how small, for one or both of these functions. They should be addressed to the Matron at her hospital. Contributions for the Jumble Sale may be sent on the morning of the 19th inst. direct to the Cutlers' Hall, if more convenient. Nurses, do not let this opportunity pass without doing your bit to prevent beds in your old hospital being closed down for the want of funds. previous page next page