

ward ; each containing four beds. And what care, what attention, has been expended on these apartments ! The floors are of course bare, but four islands of plain surfaced rugs are visible in each. By the side of the beds are pretty as well as practical shaped lockers. In the centre of each room is a table covered with blue art serge table cloths, bordered with amber daisy fringe ; across one side is spread a white toilet cover on which rests wash-hand basin and jug ; and on the other side are the trays, porringers etc., ready for surgical dressings. The blinds, in conjunction with all the others in the building, are blue, and wisely without a pattern. The bed coverlets are white, which cannot be surpassed for the purpose by any colour. On the same floor at the end of the passage is the kitchen, looking very cheery with its bright fire, and pretty blue patterned service on the dressers—for it must be confessed that the Matron's favourite colour is blue. The scullery, pantry, and store cupboard are all close at hand. On one side of this passage is the tiny operating room, the corresponding apartment on the other side, which is eventually to be furnished as a private ward, being at present given up to screens, that have yet too be covered, and to many unpacked parcels. Upstairs are the bedrooms of the staff ; one for the Matron, one for her Assistant Nurse, and one for the servant, and on the same floor is the tiny linen cupboard, which has yet to smell of lavender and rose leaves.

The Hospital is most healthily situated, and from the back commands a view of miles of open country stretching away towards Harrow. But much will need to be expended to turn the Hospital's plot of ground into a garden and a thing of beauty ; and within there is plenty of scope for the kindness of interested friends in the direction of pictures and books.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

THE anniversary of the opening of the Surrey Convalescent Home, Seaford—"Founder's Day"—was celebrated on the 24th ult. During the three and a half years' existence of the Home between six and seven hundred patients have been received. There is still room for more beds, and the committee has just issued an appeal for funds to increase its usefulness. An excellent luncheon was served on the occasion in the dining hall, Sir TREVOR LAWRENCE, who is one of the patrons of the Institution, presiding.

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SIR DONALD CURRIE, M.P., has contributed £500 towards the £3,000 needed to complete the building fund of the Poplar Hospital for Accidents, and has expressed the opinion that a Hospital for accidents is an absolute necessity in that district.

THE quinquennial appeal in aid of the funds of the London Hospital has resulted in contributions to the amount of £13,698, with promises of annual subscriptions for five years of £4,970. The Mercers' Company have contributed 500 guineas towards this, the fourth quinquennial fund of the Hospital.

AT a special meeting of the London County Council on the 28th ult., Mr. J. HUTTON presiding, a report of the Asylums Committee recommended the authorisation of the necessary expenditure for the purchase of 140 acres of Baldwyn's Park Estate, near Dartford, at a cost of £175 per acre. The chairman, Mr. STRONG, moved its adoption. He stated that when the Claybury Asylum was completed, the Council would be left with a deficiency of 260 beds, and, moreover, when all the works contemplated were finished, which could not be sooner than about three years and a half, they would still want 1,235 more beds. This estimate was founded on the figures of the past four years. He urged the Council to have sufficient accommodation for patients, and not allow them to be sent many miles away. Amendments were moved and seconded with the result that the report was agreed to.

APROPOS of a recent comment, in these columns upon the Nursing Department of the Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, a late Nurse writes:—"If the lady Guardians want to do the Nurses of Mill Road Infirmary a good turn, let them see that the food is better and more nourishing. Many a time the Nurses are not able to eat the food put before them and go into the wards fasting. Is it any wonder that healthy-looking women get run down and leave because they feel they cannot perform their duties conscientiously through not having sufficient nourishing food. Courtesy is surely expected from every one, in whatever sphere they are placed, but to her subordinates, the Matron of the above Infirmary is sadly lacking in this virtue. The irritable "if you dont like it you may leave it" manner of speech, when appealed to, has caused many Nurses to leave since the Infirmary has been opened. I always thought that one, placed in such a responsible position as a Matron, should not lack

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