

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

THE annual report of the work done by the Paisley Peter Brough District Nursing Association, for the year ending June, was issued on August 9th. It shows that during the year the members of the nursing staff made 12,464 visits to 361 persons under their care. Of those attended to, 199 recovered, 12 were transferred to hospital, 16 were removed from other causes, 77 died, and 57 were on the books at the close of the year. There were 169 cases of a serious kind, and seven were operations. The Nursing staff consists of one Superintendent and four Nurses.

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AT the Meeting of the Local Board at Redditch last week, the Clerk read a letter from Councillor S. ALLCOCK, asking that the sum of £250, the price of a piece of land on the old Grove estate which he has sold to the town for the purpose of widening Alcester Street, should be paid into the bank and applied toward the cost of building a Home for Nurses on a piece of land in Grove Street, which land it was his intention to vest in trustees for the purpose of the Redditch Nursing Association. The letter also stated that if the building should cost a little more than £250 the writer would provide the balance.

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AT a meeting of the Leeds Board of Guardians, held on August 9th, Mr. J. KIRK presiding, a long discussion took place on the proposal to erect a Nurses' Home at the Workhouse, the plans for which have already received the sanction of the Local Government Board. Tenders had been received and been under the consideration of the Infirmary Accommodation Committee, who recommended the acceptance of those sent in by certain firms. In the course of the discussion which followed, the Rev. W. H. STANSFIELD drew attention to the fact that few members of the Board had had an opportunity of considering the quantities. He thought this was a most unbusiness-like method of transacting business, and suggested that it should be referred back to the committee. Mr. STEAD offered a strong protest against the expenditure which was being entered upon, and Mr. WILSON, after discussing at some considerable length the circumstances in which it was in the first instance decided to build a Nurses' Home, pointed out that its cost would be very large, and would be a heavy

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burden upon the ratepayers. The estimated cost of the building was now about £8,000, and in addition to that the cost of maintenance would be about £200 a year, which, being capitalised, meant about £6,000. Mr. Irwin, the chairman of the committee, proposed the adoption of the minutes, and said he had carefully considered the quantities. This was seconded by Mr. Garland, and the Rev. W. H. Stansfield proposed as an amendment that the matter should be adjourned for a week in order that members might have an opportunity of further considering the subject. Mr. Pickersgill was of opinion that there was no necessity for further consideration, but Mr. Stansfield's amendment was seconded by Mr. Wilson. On being put to the meeting it was declared lost, but a further amendment, proposed by Mr. Stead and seconded by Mr. Routh, in favour of the matter being adjourned for a fortnight, was carried by 8 votes to 5.

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AT the quarterly meeting of the General Committee of the Cottage Hospital, Walsall, on the evening of the 28th ult., Mr. E. J. BROOKES, who presided, said it was quite evident that the Institution could not be carried on with the present income. The weak spot was the annual subscribers, but he hoped that a canvass of the town would be made, and an improvement be brought about. The workmen's contributions had amounted to £824 8s. 10d., and the ladies' collections to £274 8s., making a total of £1,098 16s. 10d. In the next quarter there would probably be £200 from the Sunday collections, and then they would have about £500 to meet an outlay of £1,000. Subsequently the Secretary said a gentleman—a good friend of the Hospital—had offered to give £1,000 if £2,000 could be raised in three months to build a medical hospital, and, moreover, as many people were out of town, he had suggested that the proposal should not be formally put forward until the next quarterly meeting. He (the Secretary) had ascertained from an architect that £3,000 would be sufficient for the purpose.

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THE Annual Meeting of the Subscribers to the Shirley Children's Hospital and Dispensary for Women, was held at the Parish Room, Shirley, on August 4th, when there was but a small attendance.—The Rev. E. R. PULLEN was voted to the chair, and among those present were General Russell, Dr. Gwillim, Dr. Chamberlain, Mr. George Forbes Basset

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