

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Princess Louise has promised to be present at a meeting in May, when a movement to enlist the services of ladies in aid of the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, is to be formally inaugurated.

The Annual Meeting of the Governors of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, will be held on Thursday, May 11th, at 3 p.m. The Chairman, the Right Hon. The Lord Glenesk, will preside.

The Nurses' Home in connection with the Childrens' Hospital, Great Ormond Street, was opened last week. It has been adapted from the adjoining hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, which was recently acquired by the Committee, the cost of alteration and furnishing, being about £4,000.

The Anniversary dinner of the German Hospital, will take place on Thursday, April 13th. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, K.P., G.C.B., will preside.

The Board of Management of the Hull Royal Infirmary, are confronted with the necessity for adding a new wing of fifty beds to the institution, owing to the rapid increase in the population of the city. This means a large expenditure, and it is hoped that wealthy citizens will take to heart the hint given to them by Sir James Reckitt, and remember the Infirmary when making their wills.

The question as to who shall benefit by the bequest of Miss Anne Jane Garton to the "St. Helen's (Lancashire) Infirmary," is now before the courts. As there is no such institution, the St. Helen's Hospital, and the Providence Free Hospital, the two local institutions both put in a claim for the legacy of £1,000, and half of the residue of the estate, which is expected to amount to £70,000. The next of kin have also put in a claim in the event of the Chancery Court of the County Palatine deciding that intestacy has taken place in consequence of the misdescription. The decision of the Court is awaited with some anxiety.

The Annual Report of the Essex and Colchester Hospital, states that as the year of 1897 was one of special effort, so that of 1898 has been one of special progress. The Nurses Home, a new Laundry, and Gardener's Store and Packing room have been built, and a Matron's store which was much needed, as well as increased accommodation in the Larder and Scullery have been added.

Should babies of two days old be vaccinated? The law apparently considers not as the new Vaccination Act provides that "Notwithstanding any regulation of any lying-in-hospital, * * * the parent of any child born in any institution shall not be compelled to cause or permit the child to be vaccinated at any

time earlier than the expiration of six months from its birth." It is alleged however that, without consent, an infant of two days old was recently vaccinated at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, that when he left the hospital he was covered with eczema, two other children caught the disease, and that the infant is so seriously ill that a month after his discharge from Queen Charlotte, he was in hospital.

Two immense hospitals are at present in course of construction in Berlin—The Charité which will have 1,247 beds, and will cost £80,000, and the Städtisches Krankenhaus which will have 1,650 beds, and cost £660,000.

Sir W. E. Garstin, Under Secretary of State for Public Works, returned to Cairo on the 22nd, after visiting the Soudan. He reports the country to be quite uncultivated and wild. There is no population, and the possession of it beyond Kartoum is no use to anyone, nor will it be for at least fifteen years. The prospect of getting students for a—say—College, appears to be fading into a yet more beautiful blue distance!

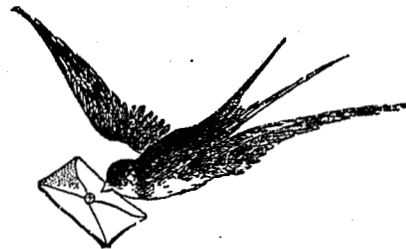
Dr. Miller, Lieutenant-Colonel Royal Army Medical Corps, writing from the Station Hospital, Meean Meer, Punjab, suggests that those interested in the welfare of British troops might from time to time despatch to that place newspapers, periodicals, &c., for the use of the sick and convalescent soldiers. This literature, Dr. Miller says, should be addressed to him. "The Soldiers," he adds, "fully appreciate anything done in this way for their recreation and benefit."

Our Foreign Letter.

PLAGUE NURSING IN INDIA.

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Kodaya, a village six miles distant and its adjoining hamlets, now got Plague badly, and on the 9th Oct., my friend, Miss H., was sent there in charge

of the newly-opened hospital.

Gundiali, meanwhile, was getting fewer new cases, and the work was no more than one could manage. There was enough to do, as, at this time there was not even a Hospital assistant to help, so that opening up buboes and other minor surgery, fell to my lot, as well as dressings and nursing.

We had many old cases that required a great deal of care:—little Gungerbai, a pretty child of 8 years, was desperately ill. She had a crop of buboes, three in the neck, one in each axilla, the right burrowing down deeply, buboes in each groin, as well as one femoral

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