

be left exposed to the sun, for then the patients will get the benefit of the healthgiving rays of the sun.

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AT regular intervals, however, trees will cast a shade across the boards. Superintendent Fehrenbatch has had young shade trees transplanted to the proper points. No other consumptive hospital in the United States has a board promenade for its patients. Several hospitals in Europe are equipped in this way, and the results have been reported as almost miraculous. The patients regain their health and strength much more rapidly and are able to leave the hospital much sooner than without the walking exercises. Here is a suggestion for the Committee of the Anti-Consumption Crusade in this country.

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It is satisfactory to notice that in one country after another, practical and united efforts are being made to deal with the scourge of consumption. It may reasonably be hoped that within the life-time of many this disease may become as rare as typhus fever is at the present time.

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IN the *Weekly Times*, Melbourne, of April 1st, some charming sketches are given of the Melbourne Hospital, which presents a palatial appearance, and is well set back from the main road, in most lovely and extensive grounds, which appear to be beautifully kept, and in which comfortable seats are dotted about, for the use of the convalescent patients. Portraits are also given of Dr. Malloy, the able medical superintendent, and of Miss M. D. Farquharson, the lady superintendent, whose organising work in the nursing department of this institution is well known to our readers, and who, as an Hon. Member of the Matrons' Council, longs to be with us in the coming June, just as sincerely as her colleagues regret that her absence is inevitable from the International Congress, and Dinner, to be given in honour of the Hon. Members on June 30th. But we feel sure that the toast "To our absent members" will be warmly proposed and enthusiastically responded to.

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THE group of the nursing staff of the Melbourne Hospital gives one a graphic idea of the type of woman selected for service in its wards, and we are pleased to observe much intellectual power and earnestness in the form and expressions of the faces, fine open brows, steady eyes, strong, well moulded chins, and well developed shapely figures. From the sketch we should opine that the Melbourne nurses are a survival of the fittest of a very fit class.

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Duke of Westminster presided at the annual meeting of the Hospital for Women, Soho Square. The report, which was read by the Secretary, Mr. J. Cannon, stated that there had been an increase in the number of both in-patients and out-patients during the past year, the total, 728, exceeding the number admitted during any previous year since the foundation of the hospital. Special donations, among them being £350 from the Prince of Wales's Fund, and certain legacies had been received, but notwithstanding these the balance-sheet showed a deficit of £3,566. The Duke, in moving the adoption of the report, said the hospital continued to do most excellent work, and in every respect the results were most gratifying except when they considered the financial side of affairs. The committee felt seriously crippled by the large deficit, and he trusted the public would show their sympathy with the good work done by increasing their subscriptions.—A number of ladies and gentlemen were appointed governors and life governors, and Dr. C. H. Carter and Dr. T. G. Stevens were respectively appointed consulting physician and assistant physician.

The Technical Education Board of the London County Council is co-operating with the Asylums Committee in offering a valuable scholarship of £150 a year, tenable for two years, for students of either sex—preferably qualified practitioners—to enable them to carry on investigations into the preventable causes of insanity. The lady or gentleman appointed to the scholarship will carry on investigations in the Pathological Laboratory attached to Claybury Asylum. A similar scholarship has been held during the past two years by Dr. J. O. W. Barratt, who has carried on some valuable original investigations into the causes of insanity. Applications should be made to the Secretary of the Technical Educational Board, 116, St. Martin's Lane, W.C., not later than Wednesday, June 7th.

The British Women's Temperance Association is an eminently practical body, and at the last annual meeting held in London a resolution brought forward urged the consideration of the scheme for endowing the "Margaret Bright Lucas" bed in the London Temperance Hospital, and suggested an appeal by the national executive to the branches asking for further support in obtaining the £1,000 required, £500 of which had already been raised. This proposal was likewise agreed to.

A meeting of the Childhood Society for the scientific study of the mental and physical condition of children will be held at the Sanitary Institute, Margaret-street, W., on Friday, June 2nd, at 5 p.m., when Dr. G. E. Shuttleworth will open a discussion on "The Education of Children Feebly Gifted Mentally under the Care of Guardians." Mrs. Burgwin, Miss Burgwin, Miss Lidgett, and Mrs. Warner will also speak. Lord Egerton of Tatton will take the chair.

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