

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



At a meeting of the board of delegates of the Metropolitan Hospital Saturday Fund on Saturday it was decided to allocate a sum of £19,214 among the hundred and seventy-eight participating institutions.

A scheme of investigation as to the causes, nature, and treatment of cancer, has received the approval of the President and Censors of the Royal College of Physicians, the President and Vice-Presidents of the Royal College of Surgeons, Lord Lister, and other medical authorities. It is proposed, amongst other suggestions, to provide, equip, maintain, and endow laboratories to be devoted to cancer research; to provide for the investigation of any method suggested from time to time for the prevention, treatment, or cure of cancer; and to arrange for the testing, under proper supervision of any so-called remedy for cancer, and generally to provide means for systematic investigation into the causes, prevention, and treatment of cancer. It is estimated that a sum of at least £100,000 will be needed to carry the scheme into effect, and until the money has been actually raised, the Colleges will have nothing officially to do with the scheme.

A cot has recently been endowed at the Royal Richmond Hospital by Mrs. Owen, of Sheen Lodge, Richmond Park, as a memorial to her two sons, who both died of malarial fever abroad. They were grandsons of Sir Richard Owen.

The Infirmary Committee of the Wandsworth Guardians have ordered a "ping pong" table to be made for the use of the nurses. We hear that the game is very popular in many nursing schools.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Eye Hospital, Manchester, a letter was read from Mr. Andrew Greenhalgh, a well-known Radcliffe bleacher. It ran: "More than 30 years ago my younger brother met with a very serious accident, which demanded the best attention of an eye specialist, and as my father could not afford to pay for such, I was sent to a gentleman known for his generosity, John Munn, Esq., of Stand, to ask him for a recommend for the Eye Hospital in Quay Street, Manchester. Munn granted this at once, and for the small payment of 7s. 6d. a week, we obtained that best skill possible. I shall never forget the kindness and courtesy shown by Dr. Little, who was then house-surgeon. I then determined that whenever I had the ability to subscribe to the funds of the institution I would do so, and have now pleasure in sending you cheque for £1,000, and allow me to wish that every member of your board may be long spared to carry on their good work."

A new home for the accommodation of nurses in connection with the Manchester and Salford Sick Poor and Private Nursing Institution has been opened at Harpurhey. There is accommodation for twelve nurses and the working staff, and the total cost has been £5,000, of which £1,600 has yet to be obtained.

The land and £500 were the gift of Mr. T. Berry. There was a large gathering at the opening ceremony on January 10th.

A new Nurses Home has been opened at the Chester Infirmary. The nurses have hitherto had very inadequate accommodation in two houses. A building which was formerly used for the reception of infectious diseases cases, and which is not now required for that purpose owing to the erection of an isolation hospital, has been converted into a nurses' home at a cost of £1,200.

A fresh effort has been initiated to raise the funds necessary to meet the cost of the new "home" quarters which are to be built for the nursing staff at the New Somerset Hospital, Cape Town. The fund has made an excellent and encouraging start. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Garlick and other merchants and citizens a sum of £4,300 has already been collected. The Government undertook to contribute on the time-worn £ to £ system, but in response to an earnest appeal from the Hospital authorities they have subscribed £6,000. Thus £10,000 odd has been raised towards a total estimated expenditure of £13,000 to £14,000, which will cover the furnishing as well as the building bills. To raise the balance an appeal is now being made.

One of the dental surgeons at Guy's Hospital, London, fitted a reservist who was going to South Africa with some artificial teeth, in accordance with the present regulations. On his return recently the reservist thanked him with these words: "They was fust-rate, those teeth, sir. Lots of the fellows wanted to borrow 'em."

## Bovril on View.

An interesting reception was given at 152, Old Street, E.C., on Thursday in last week, by the Chairman of Bovril, Limited (the Viscount Duncannon), and the Directors of the Company, when the visitors had an opportunity of inspecting the factories and process of manufacture of this popular and much appreciated preparation. Special features in its manufacture are that Bovril is never touched by hand, and that all materials which enter and leave the premises are analysed by the chemical staff in order to ensure a uniform standard of excellence. Most interesting is the fact that imperial contributions are pressed into the service of Bovril in its manufacture. The albumen and fibrine of beef, derived from the finest Canadian beef, arrives in a granulated condition in hermetically sealed tins, and is ground to a fine powder. At a later stage extracts and essences of beef, which form a large colonial industry, the larger proportion being shipped from Australia, are on view, and the beef of Canadian and Australian cattle meets for the first time in the huge coppers in Old Street, where the extracts and powdered albumen and fibrine are blended to form the article of commerce known as Bovril.

On Wednesday last a second Reception was given to medical students and nurses. What do the Matrons say?

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