

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales has graciously consented to open the Nurses' Home of the British Lying-in Hospital, Endell Street (founded in 1749), on Monday, June 8th, at half-past three o'clock, when purses (containing not less than £5 each) and donations for the Nurses' Home Building Fund will be presented to Her Royal Highness by children and others. Ladies desirous of presenting purses should make early application to the Secretary.

Her Royal Highness Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll, the President of the Charing Cross Hospital, has chosen Thursday, July 9th, as the date for the great fancy-dress ball at the Albert Hall in aid of the Charing Cross Hospital Improvement.

The accounts of the Mansion House War Fund, which is now closed, have just been issued, and show that £1,139,797 were received and distributed in relief of the sufferers, and that the expenses of the Fund amounted to less than 1 per cent.

At the last meeting of the General Medical Council, the President, Sir William Turner, referred to the effort which had been made to augment the income of the Council so as to make it sufficient to meet the increase in the expenditure, and said that a memorandum on the subject had been prepared which might serve as the basis of a memorial to the Privy Council. The memorandum was referred to the Financial Relations Committee for its consideration and report. When the General Nursing Council is formed, the experience of the General Medical Council will form an object-lesson not to be disregarded, but it must be remembered, at the same time, that women manage their affairs on a much more economical basis than men.

The new wing at the North Eastern Hospital for Children at Hackney adds 56 beds to the hospital, making a total of 113. Mr. Abram Lyle has promised £500 towards the building fund.

It is high time that the Hospital for Women in Soho Square should be entirely reconstructed if it is to continue to rank as the leading women's hospital in London. This has been the opinion of certain members of the medical staff for many years, and it is encouraging to find that the devoted Chairman, Mr. Victor Williamson, is advocating that, as soon as funds allow, the hospital shall be rebuilt on modern lines. The establishment of a convalescent home, or rather branch hospital, at the sea was also suggested at the annual meeting.

The Chelsea Hospital for Women has an anonymous friend, "H. M. E.," to whose munificent liberality the present satisfactory condition of the institution is largely due.

Mr. John A. W. Dollar, the well-known veterinary surgeon, has invented a new operating table for animals. The advantage of the table lies in the fact that a horse or other animal can be securely fastened to it, and placed in a position suitable for being operated upon with the minimum of pain or risks.

Greater protection is also afforded the operator, who is consequently able to perform his work with more despatch and under far better conditions than have hitherto obtained. On humane grounds alone the invention is an important one, and is far in advance of the old method of casting an animal, a process which was attended with considerable risk both to the animal and the veterinary surgeon and his assistants. Another advantage from a humane point of view is that the period of suffering on the part of the animal is reduced to a minimum. The use of the table has been witnessed by several inspectors of the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and approved by them.

The town of Motherwell, which is situated in the heart of the great Lanarkshire coal and iron mining district, is greatly disturbed by a general subsidence, all parts of the town being affected. The County Hospital, erected a few years ago at a cost of £50,000, has been badly damaged, and one of the wards has been abandoned.

## The Medical, Surgical, and Hygienic Exhibition.

Once again the Medical, Surgical, and Hygienic Exhibition affords an opportunity for seeing under the same roof the various novelties in these departments. The standard of former years is well maintained, and indeed excelled, which is no doubt largely due to the work of the able and energetic Secretary, Mr. H. E. Wilkinson.

The orchestra was gracefully decorated with palms and plants, the arrangements in this respect being in the hands of Messrs. Stroud Bros., of Finsbury Park. Many of the stands were also decorated in a most tasteful manner, one of the most noticeable being that of Messrs. Henri Nestlé, 48, Cannon Street, E.C., which occupied a prominent position in the centre of the Hall.

### MILKS.

NESTLÉ'S Milk is so well known that it is its own best advertisement. The Viking Milk of this firm is specially useful for travellers who cannot obtain fresh milk and who dislike sweetened tea, as this brand is prepared without sugar.

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### MEAT EXTRACTS.

Of meat extracts a prominent stand was that of BOVRIL, LTD., Army Contractors to His Majesty's Government, 152, Old Street, E.C. Both Bovril and Invalid Bovril are well known to, and appreciated by, nurses. Bovril Chocolate and the Emergency Ration are less well known. They are worthy of the attention of travellers.

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