

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE QUEEN ALEXANDRA SANATORIUM.—Her Majesty the Queen has given her patronage to the proposed sanatorium at Davos, and has consented to its being named "The Queen Alexandra Sanatorium." It will be reserved exclusively for persons suffering from curable forms of pulmonary disease, from Great Britain, Ireland and other English-speaking peoples.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.—The Coal and Corn and Finance Committee has recommended the Court of Common Council to contribute the sum of £2,000 as a donation towards the fund for the rebuilding of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. The Special Appeal Committee also acknowledge the receipt of a donation of £250 from the Great Western Railway.

GOOD WORK AT THE CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.—Lord Glenesk presided over the thirty-third annual meeting of the Governors of the Chelsea Hospital for Women, and in moving the adoption of the report, which he passed under review, said it was one of the most practical it had been his pleasure to submit. The statistics of the Medical Registrar were very flattering. Last year there were 774 in-patients, of whom 352 needed major operations, and the rate of mortality was under 2 per cent.—a wonderful record considering the many extremely difficult and critical cases to be dealt with. So far this year the work had progressed on equally satisfactory lines, 270 patients having been admitted and treated with as favourable results in quite as trying circumstances. When such distinct success was achieved there was every reason to expect public support. Through the great generosity of the lady who, under the initials "H. M. E.," had conferred so many signal benefits on the hospital, its financial position at the end of the year might be looked on as satisfactory. As the report stated, to that devoted friend the deepest thanks of the Council were due for munificent donations amounting to £2,100, of which £1,600 was placed in the "H. M. E." Special Emergency Fund.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.—The Drapers Company has voted a grant of £500 towards the reconstruction of the isolation accommodation and the erection of special wards for whooping-cough patients now in progress at the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, E., conditionally that the total amount required be subscribed within a reasonable time. The cost of the works is estimated at £10,000, towards which the Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund contributed £3,350 on the understanding that the work was put in hand this year. It is hoped that the balance still required will be subscribed before December 31st next.

PADDINGTON GREEN CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—This hospital, so prettily situated on Paddington Green, has just celebrated its "coming of age." Out of its forty-six beds the average number occupied daily is thirty-six, the average stay being twenty days, at a cost per day of 4s. 9d. each. The hospital has its

own convalescent home at Fair View, Slough, and there the average stay is thirty-eight days. Already there are twenty-seven special cots, and it has been pointed out that there could be no better way of perpetuating the memory of a dead friend than by endowing a cot.

IPSWICH HOME FOR PAYING PATIENTS.—The Ipswich Nursing Home for Paying Patients, at 22, Lower Brook Street, Ipswich, has been inaugurated to supply a need which has long been felt in the town and county. The work of founding the institution has been carried out by a Committee, to which many members of the local medical profession have given their support. There will be four beds for surgical and medical cases, and the nursing will be done by fully-trained nurses, under the general supervision of the Matron of the Ipswich Nurses' Home. The building also contains a good operating room, in which all the most modern appliances will be available. The fees for patients will range from £2 2s. upwards, and it is hoped that, as the fees range from so low a figure, there will be many persons in the town and county found to take advantage of the Home. The Home will have many of the advantages of a hospital, and will appeal to a class for which the advantages of a hospital are not available. The patient who cannot command the necessary appliances in his own home should find such an institution as this an inestimable boon, and it will be a distinct advantage to the neighbourhood to have an institution of the sort established in the locality. It has been arranged that should there be any profits on the working of the Home, these will be applied to the free nursing of the sick poor in Ipswich. Already several applications have been made for beds, and it is hoped that the Home will prove a real benefit to those for whom it is intended.

SANATORIUM FOR CONSUMPTION.—The Irish Local Government Board have prepared for presentation to Parliament, whose sanction is required, a provisional order having for its object the establishment of a rate-aided and popularly-controlled sanatorium for the cure of persons threatened with consumption.

ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL, BELFAST.—The superintendent of this institution writes to the Press to say that he would be much obliged to any friends having a surplus of bedding-out plants if at the proper time they would send him a few for the hospital garden. The following are the kinds most required:—Marguerites, geraniums, fuchsias, calceolarias, dahlias, hollyhocks, asters, and early-flowering chrysanthemums.

POLAR SANATORIUM.—During the summer a new method of treating consumption will be tested by Dr. Sohon, of Washington, who will conduct a party of invalids in a hospital ship to the fiords of Greenland. The idea came to Dr. Sohon during his period of service with Commander Peary's Arctic expeditions, when he noticed the wonderfully rapid cure of one of the party who was tuberculous. Further studies led him to the conclusion that a colony of invalids might enjoy the Greenland summer with great benefit to themselves. Should the experiment be successful it may result in the permanent utilisation of an otherwise worthless country, and be the means of restoring thousands of consumptives to health.

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