

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL. — The alterations and additions now being carried on at Charing Cross Hospital will cost about £100,000. The Nurses' House has long been finished, but the new surgical block, which embraces six wards, containing a total of ninety beds, two operating theatres, clinical laboratory, and the whole of the new out-patient and casualty departments and dispensary, are not expected to be ready before the end of June. The operating theatres are being constructed in the light of the latest scientific requirements. Floors, walls, and doors are of marble, while the ceilings are of plate glass, through which the students will look down from their gallery at the surgeons at work. The waiting room of the out-patient department is lined from floor to ceiling with Doulton glass tiles, and along the four sides at the top of the wall runs a frieze which depicts hunting scenes. Patients suffering from infectious diseases can be conveyed by a separate lift to the tower, where there are four isolation wards. What the new wards of the hospital will be like can be judged from the Levy Ward, which is full of patients, amid surroundings of abundant cheerfulness and brightness. The walls, of Doulton ware, help in producing this effect, and, by the way, the hospital wants about a hundred gifts of panel pictures in burnt tiles to fill the long spaces between the corridors in the wards. An adjunct to the Levy Ward is a completely-equipped kosher kitchen, as the occupants of this ward will in the main be Jews.

MISSION TO DEEP-SEA FISHERMEN. — At the twenty-third annual meeting of the Royal National Mission to Deep-Sea Fishermen, in Exeter Hall, at which Sir William White presided, he said he had been concerned with ships and sailors all his life, and was grateful for the way in which this mission provided for the spiritual and physical needs of our 40,000 fishermen. Mr. G. A. Hutchison said that the mission worked by means of eleven vessels, besides institutes at fishing ports. The literature circulated by the mission during the year had weighed over 50 tons. Mr. G. Simpson, from Labrador, described the hospital work done by the mission among the 30,000 fishermen on that coast. The accounts of the mission, which were circulated in the Hall, showed an income of £30,180, including £2,636 from sales at institutes and coffee-bars, £7,783 from sales of fish, £319 from sales of woollen garments to fishermen, and £2,500 taken from the reserve fund. The tobacco sales of the mission smacks had brought in £1,467, the net profit being only 18s. 11d. The expenditure, £35,028, included £16,131 for maintenance of vessels and £1,799 for that of the hospitals in Labrador and North Newfoundland, and £3,795 written off as depreciation in the value of the mission craft. These vessels were valued in the balance-sheet at £34,157, and the freehold property on shore at £12,054.

The King has been pleased to appoint Sir Charles Bent Ball, M.D., F.R.C.S., Regius Professor of Surgery, University of Dublin, to be one of His Majesty's Honorary Surgeons in Ireland, in the room of Sir Philip Crampton Smyly, M.D., deceased.

The Medical, Surgical, and Hygienic Exhibition.

The Medical, Surgical, and Hygienic Exhibition, which is always looked forward to by nurses, and largely attended by them, was held last week at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, London, W. We missed the stands of a good many prominent firms amongst the exhibitors of surgical appliances, but other invalid necessaries were well represented.

BOVRIL, LTD., 152, Old Street, City Road, E.C., was, of course, to the fore. Does not that cow with reproachful eyes, "changing here for Bovril," confront us wherever we go?

LIBBIG'S EXTRACT OF MEAT CO., LTD., 4, Lloyd's Avenue, E.C., exhibited both Lemco and Oxo, for which they have an established reputation.

KEEN, ROBINSON AND CO., LTD., Garlick Hill, Cannon Street, E.C., exhibited their well-known Patent Barley and Patent Groats, which are well known and deservedly popular amongst nurses.

HENRI NESTLÉ, 48, Cannon Street, London, E.C. — One of the most attractive stands in the exhibition is always that of Henri Nestlé, and this year proved no exception to the rule. Nestlé Viking Milk is an admirable unsweetened condensed milk, which should commend itself to all who, whether from residence in distant countries or other reasons, are unable to obtain fresh cow's milk.

THE MALTICO FOOD CO., Kingston Cross, Portsmouth, exhibited their specialties, including Maltico, which is an infants' food; Leci-Maltico, suitable for older children and adults, and containing Lecithin, a substance which increases the activity of the vital corpuscles; and Cremalto, a confection which may be given in place of cod-liver oil.

MALTOVA, LTD., Bradford, as the name of their specialty implies, supply a concentrated preparation of fresh eggs combined with malt extract, thus forming a nutritious and palatable food.

STEPHEN SMITH AND CO., LTD., Malmesbury Road, Bow, E., were well to the fore with their Keystone Burgundy, Keystone Beef Wine, and Hall's Wine, the two latter being medicated wines which are of proved restorative value.

CADBURY BROS., Bournville, near Birmingham, as usual had a tasteful stand of their tempting preparations, which are of high excellence, and as good to taste as they are to look at.

THE HOVIS BREAD FLOUR CO., LTD., Hovis Mills, Macclesfield, showed their bread, which has deservedly gained a high reputation, as well as their foods for infants and invalids, which are well known to the readers of this journal as reliable and useful preparations.

E. AND R. GARROULD, 150 to 160 Edgware Road, W. — A most tasteful and well-equipped stand is always that of Messrs. E. and R. Garrould, and this year was no exception to the rule. Their exhibition of dolls in the various nursing uniforms aroused much interest. It may be noted that a duplicate set of these dolls have been supplied to the Queen of Roumania, and is now included in Her Majesty's historic collection.

NEWTON, CHAMBERS, AND CO., LTD., The Laboratories, Thorncliffe, near Sheffield, exhibited the various preparations of Izal, which has established a reputation as the strongest non-poisonous disinfectant. Six thousand gallons of Izal have recently been sent to Johannesburg to deal with the plague there.

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