

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Generations of Bart's nurses will learn with regret that Mr. W. H. Cross, who for thirty-eight years has filled the office of Clerk to St. Bartholomew's Hospital with distinction, has resigned this onerous position. It is difficult to realise that Mr. Cross knew and worked in the hospital before its now famous nursing school existed, when the night work was provided for by a day nurse staying on duty for about twenty hours every third day, and when the Sisters wore a "livery" of blue cashmere, and the style of caps and aprons depended on their individual fancy. In 1900, when there was a suggestion of Mr. Cross's retirement, he was asked to stay in office to tide the authorities over the difficult period of the consideration of the rebuilding scheme, and his loss at that time would have been a great calamity. As it is, the Governors will find it difficult to replace an invaluable officer who throughout a long career of service has exhibited marked ability, conscientious devotion to duty, and the tact which has enabled him to ensure the smooth working of the various departments of this great institution.

Her Majesty the Queen has forwarded a donation of seven guineas, in addition to her annual subscription, to the General Lying-in Hospital, York Road, London.

Princess Henry of Battenberg, who was accompanied by Princess Louise of Schleswig-Holstein, paid a visit recently to the new Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital for the Isle of Wight, which has been established at Newport. Her Royal Highness expressed approval of the arrangements and consented to become patroness of the hospital.

His Majesty the King has graciously consented to give his patronage to the Sanitary Institute, Margaret Street, Cavendish Square, well known not only for the work which it carries out in teaching and examining in hygiene and sanitary science, but in connection with the permanent museum of sanitary appliances which it maintains in Margaret Street.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany opened on Saturday afternoon a new operating theatre at the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, Bloomsbury. This excellent addition to the hospital has been made at a cost of £1,200. The theatre is fitted up with the best surgical appli-

ances, and apparatus for lighting and heating, the work having been carried out under the supervision and to the satisfaction of Sir Victor Horsley and Mr. C. A. Ballance, the surgeons at the hospital. In reply to an address, the Duchess thanked the Board of Management for all they have done in the past to make the institution worthy of her husband's memory.

Sir Victor Horsley asked Her Royal Highness to accept the thanks of the medical staff for inaugurating what was really a new stage in the development of the work of that institution. The medical staff were greatly indebted to the new Board of Management for many things, and above all for marking an era in the development of the surgical work of the hospital by opening a theatre with every possible improvement in instruments and provision for antiseptic surgery. He had pleasure in announcing that £1,000 had been received from the Jessie Alice Palmer Charitable Fund for the purpose of endowing a work table in the museum. With the new means at their disposal and the new weapons placed in their hands they hoped to be able to carry on more successfully the warfare against disease and suffering. Later in the afternoon the Duchess of Albany attended the Harvest Festival service held in the hospital chapel and conducted by Bishop Welldon.

Dr. Buzzard's announcement that experiments on living animals will not take place at King's College Hospital when it is removed to Camberwell is likely to encourage financial support from many charitable persons who disapprove of the practice. It is not medical men at the hospitals who practise vivisection so much as professors and non-medical men at great universities and colleges in their research work in physiology.

At a meeting of the Committee of the Victoria Hospital for Incurables, Dundee, held recently, a letter was read from ex-Provost Moncur intimating

a gift of £5,500 for the erection and equipment of a cancer ward. This splendid generosity aroused much enthusiasm.

The municipal dentist is the latest addition to the official staff of the German cities. "Dental statistics have revealed such an alarming condition among school children that in all the large towns of Germany free clinics have been established and city dentists appointed. The method of work is simple. The teacher brings his class to the dentist, who examines each mouth quickly and marks on the card each child has brought whether treatment is necessary. If so, the child must come again on a Saturday. Russia is joining in this movement, and has fitted up nine such institutions in St. Petersburg alone."



Mr. W. H. CROSS.

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