

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Queen has sent to the Royal Hospital for Sick Children and Women, Bristol, twelve baskets and six boxes of sweets which she thinks may be acceptable to the little patients, and Miss Knollys, through whom the gift was sent, has also contributed illustrated papers. The President of the Hospital, Mr. Greville Edwards, has conveyed to Her Majesty the thanks of the Committee of Management.

Countess Fitzwilliam has formally opened a new Cottage Hospital at Malton, of which town Earl Fitzwilliam is Lord of the Manor. The Hon. George N. Dawnay, who occupied the chair on the occasion of the ceremony, congratulated the town on at last possessing a hospital which in recent years had been so much needed.

A new isolation hospital has been opened at Penistone, in the West Riding of Yorkshire, on a site of four acres of freehold land, part of the estate of Sir Walter Spencer Stanhope, K.C.B., of Cannon Hall, Sir Walter recognising the need of some provision for the isolation of infectious cases, and the difficulty of making it, on account of the expense entailed, generously presented the site to the Hospital Committee. The cost of building and equipping a hospital of twelve beds has been £6,000. The ceremony of opening the institution was performed in a north-westerly gale, which carried with it health and invigoration, but made progression across the moorlands a matter of some difficulty.

"Lancashire's lunatic asylums are the cheapest in Europe, and they cannot be run for less than 8s 9d. per patient weekly," said Dr. Rhodes at a meeting of the Lancashire Asylums Board.

The Dorset County Hospital has been presented with two portraits of Dr. Vawdrey Lush, for thirty-two years physician to the hospital, who died suddenly in the Board Room of the institution while attending a committee meeting. One, which has been presented by Mrs. Vawdrey Lush, hangs in the out-patient room, which Dr. Lush attended for so many years to give advice. The second portrait hangs among those of other medical men and benefactors to the institution on the walls of the Board Room, where Dr. Lush breathed his last.

The town council of Moscow, says the *St. Petersburger Medicinische Wochenschrift*, has decided to erect at once an asylum for epileptics, for which a special fund of 700,000 roubles is at the council's disposition. The first instalment of the building will accommodate 150 patients.

The situation in regard to the spread of yellow fever is causing considerable uneasiness in New Orleans. The disease is not confined to the city, and it is feared that it will not be stamped out until the cold weather comes. The authorities believe that there are a thousand cases scattered over the State, and a considerable number have occurred in places hitherto free from the disease.

The Health Commissioner of the State of Pennsylvania does not intend to allow the yellow fever mosquito to enter Philadelphia. He has selected as a special guard of the city gates against the intrusive gnat, an entomologist from the Academy of Natural Sciences, who will be posted at the harbour to watch fruit vessels from foreign ports, and make a collection of mosquitos that come with the fruit. These mosquitos will be carefully examined to ascertain if any of the yellow fever variety are reaching Philadelphia.

The promotion of Miss Florence Sabin from the rank of associate to that of associate professor of anatomy in the Johns Hopkins University, is, says a contemporary, a notable event. The appointment of a woman to a position of this rank in an institution of such distinction as the Johns Hopkins Medical School, and other than a college for women, is without parallel among American universities, in the eastern section of the country at least. The appointment is the more remarkable as Miss Sabin received the degree of doctor of medicine only five years ago at the Johns Hopkins; but those who heard the high tribute paid to her work at that time by Dr. Welch in his address at the commencement will not be greatly surprised by the honour she has attained. However, the path of academic promotion for women is so difficult that the recognition accorded to Miss Sabin for her admirable work will be extraordinarily welcome to all those interested in the encouragement of the intellectual aspirations of women.

The *British Medical Journal* draws attention to the fact that Miss Sabin is not the first lady who has been professor of anatomy. In the sixteenth century Alessandra Giovanni taught that subject at Bologna, and Anna Manzolini occupied a Chair of Anatomy in the same University in the middle of the eighteenth century. Maria Pettracina was Professor of Anatomy in the University of Ferrara towards the end of the same century. She was the author of several works on a subject which is exciting great interest at present, namely, the physical education of children.

Montreal is to have a new hospital, to be named the Alexandra, for contagious diseases, and the work is being pushed on with great vigour, so that it is hoped it will be ready for occupation before winter sets in. The plan of the new hospital comes in for the highest praise from competent critics. It is described as being practically three hospitals; and all the arrangements for fire protection, ventilation, and disinfection are of the latest and most effective character. The buildings are so arranged that when a patient has been received and has assumed the hospital apparel, his clothes are sealed and sent to the hospital laundry, to go into its disinfecting chamber. The patients' laundry is entirely separate from that of the members of the staff. At the end of the wards of the different buildings on the boys' and girls' floors are sun parlours or day-rooms. A very important feature of the entire hospital system is the sewage disinfecting tank, into which all matter from the buildings must pass. It is centrally situated, and works automatically, the addition of disinfectants to the sewage and the emptying of the tank being dependent on no attendant. The method is such that all sewage is thoroughly disinfected before it enters the general city system, and all danger of the conveyance of any contagion is thereby avoided.

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