

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Lord Mayor (Alderman Vaughan Morgan) has consented to act as President of the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children and Women during his year of office.

Lord Ludlow is receiving encouragement in his determination to collect funds for the modernising of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. He has received the following donations:—From the Delmar Charitable Trust, £105; the representatives of the late Sir Reginald Hanson (second instalment), £300; anonymously, per Dr. W. S. A. Griffiths, £75; £262 10s. from the Worshipful Company of Salters (second instalment); Anonymous, £100, and Mr. A. S. Willett, £50.

The Chelsea Hospital for Women has received from the Merchant Taylors' Company a donation of £31 10s. towards the expenditure incurred to give the patients the benefit of recent medical science. The Hon. Mrs. Lionel Tollemache, to supplement this work, has given £50 to the convalescent home.

At the Billingsgate Mission Hospital an ophthalmic ward has been recently instituted, and is quite unique in its methods.

The most deserving class of the community, like dock labourers, cannot afford to lose half a day's work in order to have a small eye trouble remedied in time at the ordinary ophthalmic hospital.

At the Billingsgate Hospital the arrangement is for the surgeons to attend on Tuesday evenings from six to eight o'clock, so the poorer working men are thus able to obtain the best advice.

The Committee of the Sunderland Infirmary recently paid a visit of inspection to the New Infirmary buildings on the Castle Leazes. Several of the visitors expressed their high appreciation of the arrangements of the buildings and the manner in which the comfort of the patients and the economical working of the hospital had been carefully considered and provided for. In their opinion the equipment of the Institution was excellent in every detail.

The appointment of Secretary of the Bradford Royal Infirmary, which will shortly become vacant by the retirement of Mr. W. Maw, has been conferred on Mr. E. C. Foster, Secretary of the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital, Wolverhampton. Over 500 applications for the post were received.

Mr. Jacob Sassoon has, says a telegram from Bombay, offered two lakhs of rupees towards the construction of a modern hospital for Europeans at Poona.

Professional Review.

VISITING NURSE QUARTERLY MAGAZINE.

We have received with pleasure the first number of the *Visiting Nurse Quarterly Magazine*, to be published in October, January, April, and July, which will answer in the United States to the *Queen's Nurses' Magazine* in this country. Indeed, it is the success of that admirable periodical (ably edited by Lady Hermione Blackwood) which has encouraged the establishment of the new venture in the United States. We welcome it as we welcome all nursing papers which are under professional control, believing with Miss Dock that they are the "real thing." The editor of the magazine is Miss Harriet Fulmer, Superintendent of the Visiting Nurses' Association at Chicago, whom many English nurses will remember having met at the time of the Berlin Congress. In her hands we do not doubt that it will speedily become as popular as its contemporary in this country.

The first number contains the Report of Visiting Nurse Work made at the Conference of Charities at Portsmouth, Oregon, presided over on the first day by Miss Fulmer, and on the second by Miss Johnson of Cleveland, and Miss Hitchcock, of New York.

Interesting papers for discussion were those by Mrs. Quintard on "Providing Nursing Care for the Small Wage Earner," by Miss Fisher on "The Visiting Nurse as an Economic Factor," by Miss Lina Rogers, R.N. Supervising Public School Nurse in New York City, on the "Nurse in the Public Schools," and others. The last-mentioned paper is printed in full.

That the school nurse renders useful service is evident from a case cited by Miss Rogers, of a boy who had returned to school during desquamation, pulling large pieces of skin from his hands, and passing them round among his classmates as souvenirs, which they verily proved to be.

The staff of school nurses in New York has now increased to 44. They look after the health of over 300,000 children under the direction of the Department of Health.

The success of the Public School Nursing movement in New York may be estimated by the fact that Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Cleveland have already instituted similar systems. Boston, Rochester, and Washington hope to follow shortly. Miss Rogers claims for public school work the best nurses, and protests against any suggestion of less education or less hospital training for them. No friend of the children, or of nurses, will, she thinks, seriously urge that anything less than the best will suffice for nurses filling this important position and performing this vital duty.

An article giving a description of the new Home of the Visiting Nurses' Association, Detroit, shows that no pains have been omitted to secure for these nurses most pleasant and restful quarters.

There is also a very interesting account of visiting nurse work in Los Angeles by Miss Maude Foster Weston, Chairman of the Health Committee of the College Settlement. The Settlement seeks in its

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