

human interest taken in each patient as an individual. *Real*, not counterfeit, for the patient is quick to detect the difference, and a woman who undertakes this branch of work will never be really successful unless, in addition to professional skill, she has wide sympathies and much patience. Given these qualifications and it is a very satisfying and satisfactory one to take up. Our illustration will give an idea of the garden into which many of the patients are wheeled or carried in spinal chairs each day—when the weather is unfavourable they sit in the beautiful conservatory. There is also a chapel where services are held, but a new chapel was badly needed as soon as the funds are forthcoming. There are also entertainments given in the recreation-room from time to time, indeed the people of Leamington and the neighbourhood have in their beautiful Home afforded an object-lesson of the way in which the more fortunate members of the community can provide, with a lavish and unsparingly hand, for the comfort and pleasure of their afflicted neighbours.

The present Matron of the Home is Miss Jessie Brigham, who for many years has held this position, and discharged its duties with much ability. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and first held the position of Assistant Matron at the Home for Incurables so that she was well conversant with the duties when she was appointed in 1893 to the position she now holds. The committee in their last annual report call attention to the fact that for the fifth year in succession the average cost per patient has diminished, falling from £67 11s. 2d., at which it stood in 1900, to £61 3s. per head in the year 1905. They think that the fall in the average cost is accounted for to some extent by the fact that the number of patients has increased during the same period, but they believe that it would not have taken place except for the careful and efficient housekeeping of the Matron, and the willing co-operation of all the staff.

These figures compare favourably with the average cost per patient at other institutions, and when one remembers the comfort not to say luxury with which the patients are surrounded, they are surely evidence of the fact that economy and efficiency may, and as a rule, do, go hand in hand.

During the past year the institution lost, by death, its President, the late Lord Leigh. The vacancy thus created has been filled by the Marquis of Hertford, the Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire.

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## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Prince and Princess of Wales have consented to visit Glasgow, where his Royal Highness will lay the memorial stone of the Royal Infirmary, which is being re-erected as a Jubilee memorial to Queen Victoria at a cost of £400,000.

The question of the concentration of the preliminary scientific and intermediate medical studies has for some years been under consideration by the governing body of St. Bartholomew's Medical College, and the decision has been arrived at not to transfer the education in the earlier subjects of medical study to the centres which have recently been established. St. Bartholomew's Medical School continues to be a complete medical college.

The Royal Commission to inquire into and report upon the practice of subjecting live animals to experiments has now been appointed. The Royal Commissioners are Viscount Selby, Lieut.-Colonel A.-M. Lockwood, M.P., Sir W. S. Church, M.D., Sir W. J. Collins, M.D., M.P., Sir John McFadyean, Mr. Mackenzie D. Chalmers, Mr. A. J. Ram, K.C., Dr. W. H. Gaskell, M.D., Mr. James Tomkinson, and Dr. George Wilson, M.D. Captain C. C. Bingham, C.M.G., is appointed Secretary to the Royal Commission.

The Local Government Board has addressed a circular letter to all boards of guardians in England and Wales, stating that in future copies of the statistics of pauperism and the cost of relief in all the unions, which are submitted to Parliament each half year, will be sent to them, the guardians, and pointing out that it is desirable that attention shall be given to the contents by all guardians of the poor.

The Mayor of West Ham will preside at the annual dinner of the West Ham and East London Hospital, which is to be held in the Hamilton Hall, Great Eastern Hotel, on October 11th.

The Mayor of Battersea on Saturday last unveiled at the Latchmere Recreation Ground a drinking fountain in memory of 432 dogs subjected to vivisection in the laboratories of a hospital, and more especially to the memory of a brown terrier who, it is alleged, was done to death in February, 1903, after having undergone vivisection extending over two months at the hands of various vivisectors.

Dr. H. B. Brackenbury, Mayor of Hornsey, opened last Saturday a new block of wards, with accommodation for twenty-four patients at the Hornsey Isolation Hospital. The hospital is entirely owned and administered by Hornsey, but arrangements have been made with the Wood Green and Finchley

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