

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Her Majesty the Queen has sent a donation of 600 gs. to the London Hospital, of which she is president.

Hospital Saturday was observed in London on the 12th inst., when collections were made in many business houses. Since the foundation of the Fund £436,866 has been collected and distributed among the medical charities.

The King has granted the prefix "Royal" to the Glasgow Samaritan Hospital for Women. The Queen was patron of the bazaar held on behalf of the hospital in November, 1903, which was opened by the Princess Henry of Battenberg. The Prince and Princess of Wales recently became patrons of this institution in commemoration of their visit to Glasgow.

The foundation stone of the new extension to the Gateshead Children's Hospital in Durham Road was duly laid last week. The ceremony was largely attended, and the Mayor presided. The Chairman observed that that was an auspicious event, and marked a very important undertaking for the Borough of Gateshead. The hospital was a valuable and helpful institution, and the step they were taking that day was in order that its usefulness might be extended.

The dedication and formal opening of the charming Hospital at Alverstoke branch of the Children's Home and Orphanage took place last week. The pretty grounds were gay with flags, and gayer still with happy children, who seemed to enter thoroughly into the spirit of the festival. The little community assembled at the gates received Lady Marshall, who performed the opening ceremony, with hearty cheers.

The cheese-paring element on the Committee of the New Somerset Hospital, at Cape Town, are arousing some adverse comment in the press. One, signing "R. S. D.," writes, in reply to "Medicus," that his proposals with regard to the reduction of expenditure are not sufficiently drastic, and suggests supplementing them as follows:—"(1) Abolish the office of Matron and let the senior ward sister do the work, with pin money; (2) abolish the office of secretary, and let his clerk do the work; (3) in addition to his other duties, the senior house-doctor might, with advantage, undertake the dispensing department; (4) abolish the position of hall-porter, and let the senior attendant do the work. By these means I am sure an additional saving could be effected in the hospital administration. As no question of the efficiency of the hospital is mentioned in the letter of 'Medicus,' I have not thought fit to advert to it here. One last suggestion: As the position of senior house-doctor will, in the altered circumstances, require a person of large administrative ability, might I suggest that the position be offered to 'Medicus,' with pocket money?"

## Interesting Exhibits at the London Medical Exhibition.

HOEFFTCKE'S INSTANTANEOUS GLOVING MACHINE.

Amongst the many interesting exhibits at the London Medical Exhibition none attracted more attention, or was more worthy of note, than HOEFFTCKE'S INSTANTANEOUS GLOVING MACHINE. The glove is stretched by means of a vacuum producer which is worked by treading on a foot-piece. When releasing the foot-piece the glove contracts on the hand, which can then be withdrawn with the glove applied beautifully smoothly, and evenly. A patent has been applied for. The machine is sure to become very popular, and, indeed, indispensable, as part of the furniture of the theatre in a busy hospital.

MESSRS. ALLEN AND HANBURY'S, LTD.

A most interesting stand was that of MESSRS. ALLEN AND HANBURY'S, LTD., of 48, Wigmore Street, Cavendish Square. Amongst the novelties exhibited we noticed Mr. Canny Ryall's syringe for the injection of novocain in inducing anaesthesia. The drug itself, concerning which further information is given under the heading of "Medical Matters" on page 306 of this issue, can also be obtained through this firm.

THE EQUIPOISE COUCH, LTD.

THE EQUIPOISE COUCH, made by Equipoise, Ltd., Ashford, Kent, was again on view, as well as the mattress recently introduced, which can be used on any ordinary bedstead. There was also a new and luxurious easy chair, and a Bath chair in which the invalid can lie down, when tired of sitting up, without any effort on his part. The principle embodied in all the chairs, lounges, and beds of this enterprising firm is that the patient can assume "any position by volition."

JEY'S SANITARY COMPOUNDS CO.

One of the disinfectants of the day notable as a most useful non-toxic bactericide is CYLLIN, supplied by Jey's Sanitary Compounds Co., 64, Cannon Street, E.C. The various preparations of Cyllin are justly popular with midwives, who know them to be efficient and moderate in price, while the fact that Cyllin is non-toxic is a great advantage in district work. A small bottle of the preparation, specially put up for midwives, costs only fourpence, and the bar soap and surgical soap, guaranteed equal to 50 per cent. pure carbolic acid, are also most useful. All the Cyllin preparations can be obtained through Messrs. Garrould, 100, Edgware Road, W., or from the Medical Supply Association, 228, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.

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