

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The urgent need for extension at the London Homoeopathic Hospital is shown by the fact that patients have to wait six or nine months for admission. Isolation wards, more space for nurses and officers, a kitchen department, and greater accommodation for contributing patients are wanted. Mr. E. A. Attwood had quite a triumph at the Ritz festival dinner when he read out a list of donations made during the evening amounting to £9,245, leaving a balance of £2,005 still to be raised of the £30,000 required, £11,250 having already been given by generous supporters of the charity. £2,000 had also been subscribed towards the maintenance fund.

A conference to discuss the question of establishing an out-patient department of a restricted and consultative character in connection with the new Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, Westminster, takes place in the lecture theatre of the hospital on Friday, Nov. 29th, at 4.30 p.m., Dr. F. J. Allan, M.O.H. for Westminster, in the chair.

The ceremony of laying the stone of the Pathological Block at St. Bartholomew's Hospital will take place at an early date. Lady Ludlow, the wife of the Treasurer, will officiate.

Sir William Bennett, K.C.V.O., has been elected President of the Incorporated Institute of Hygiene in place of the late Sir William Broadbent, Bart.

Liverpool has always taken a leading part in provincial nursing affairs. It possesses splendid hospitals, and sees that very good district nursing is done. We are glad to note that under the will of Mr. Arthur M'Neil he has bequeathed the residue of his estate, about £10,000, in equal portions to the trustees of the Royal Infirmary, the Homoeopathic Hospital, Hope Street, and the Children's Infirmary, Myrtle Street.

The General Hospital, Nottingham, now one of the best equipped hospitals in the kingdom, and which is greatly in need of funds, has also received a handsome gift of £1,000 from Sir Francis and Lady Ley. When we compare the hospital with the institution we knew thirty years ago it seems as if a fairy godmother had waved her wand over it and whispered, "Be beautiful, clever, and good." Why did the little lady not add riches? Perhaps because she considered that to support this palace of pain should be the privileged duty of the citizens of so flourishing a city.

The British Institute of Social Service intimates that its register of voluntary social workers is now in full working order. The address of the Institute is 11, Southampton Row.

Our Foreign Letter.

THE MENTAL HOSPITAL AT VIENNA.

BY AN AUSTRIAN NURSE.



The name of the new mental hospital at Vienna is "Steinhof," which is far too modest a name for a village consisting

of sixty buildings, crowned by a church, whose magnificent golden dome will soon become known as one of the features of Vienna. The church would be an imposing sight anywhere, but its attraction is greatly enhanced by the beauties of nature which surround it, as well as its prominent position on the slope of a hill, overlooking the great Austrian capital.

Steinhof is enclosed by a stone wall about three miles long—a wall which alone cost £25,000. Let me say at the outset that this sum, and all other figures mentioned, were given to me in writing by the chairman of the Building Committee, and he ought to know.

Steinhof is only a short distance from the city; fields and meadows occupied the site till only two years ago, when every tree was planted, every road made, every stone for the building brought from the quarry at the extreme end of the estate, a distance so great that it was considered necessary to erect an electric railway, about 7,000 yards long. The space between the buildings is to be made into a park. There are, at present, 800 men at work there, under the head gardener; fifty of whom are employed entirely for watering the newly-planted trees and shrubs.

One part of the estate is to be separated from the rest by a stretch of pine wood, two hundred yards wide. The trees are at present about two feet high, so it will take some time till they form a shady wall for the purpose of separating the paying from the non-paying patients.

Thirteen buildings have been provided for paying patients, of whom 356 will be accommodated. They are grouped round the "Kurhaus," a most luxurious place. A large entrance-hall with frescoes, stained windows, plants, and flowers, will be the waiting-room for the patients who go there for medical treatment. Baths of all kinds, electricity, massage, etc., will be the means employed. There are handsome swimming baths in this building, with many steps leading down to the water. The buildings west of the "Kurhaus" are for women, those east for men. Each division has one house entirely devoted to amusements and social life. It contains rooms for reading, music, games, dancing, etc. One building in each division is used as a receiving house for new patients, where they stay for a few weeks, and then are moved on to the "villas." Of these, one is used for quiet patients, one for noisy ones, one for patients too ill to be

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