

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Army Council has directed the attention of the County Territorial Force Associations to the proposals made by the Committee of the British Red Cross Society, and approved by the Army Council, for assisting in the relief of suffering and the care and disposal of sick and wounded when the Territorial Force is mobilised for war. It is now desired to bring all County Associations into communication with the Red Cross Society's County Branches. It is suggested by the Army Council that consideration may be given to the work that the society can undertake in respect to the general hospitals of the third line and on the lines of communication, all in rear of the field army.

The work of organising the Pan-Anglican Congress is proceeding steadily. Seven halls in London will be in use for the meetings. The seven sections are arranged as follows:—The Church and Human Society, at the Albert Hall; Christian Truth and Other Intellectual Forces, Kensington Town Hall; The Church's Ministry, Holborn Town Hall; the Church's Missions in non-Christian Lands, Caxton Hall; the Church's Missions in Christendom, Hoare Memorial Hall; the Anglican Communion, Church House; the Church's Duty to the Young, St. John's Institute.

It is scarcely possible to estimate the amount of suffering and relief which goes on day after day in our hospitals, if taken as a whole. At the London, for instance, the average number of cases anaesthetised every day is fifty, and at Guy's the conservation room in the dental department offers a remarkable picture of industry. There are 54 Morrison operating chairs in constant use in this room, arranged in three tiers, so as to obtain the least interference from neighbouring workers.

The Ladies' Association, which does much useful work in connection with University College Hospital, recently held its annual meeting at the hospital, Gower Street. The Duchess of Bedford presided, and there was a large attendance of members. The annual report of the committee stated that the association at present consisted of 611 members, and 110 branches were now affiliated with it. In addition to providing a large number of garments, the association had given a donation of £270 to the hospital for the maintenance of two beds and a cot for the current year. A sum of £300 had also been paid as the first instalment towards a fund of £1,000 for the permanent endowment of one of the beds. The Duchess of Bedford, in moving the adoption of the report, remarked that it was exceedingly gratifying to find an association so successfully managed entirely by ladies, for a time was coming when they would become a greater power in the land than formerly.

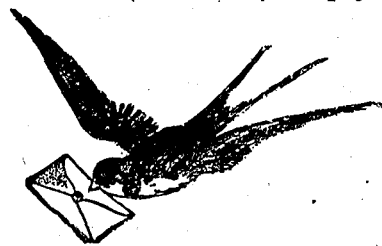
The National Social Purity Crusade have issued a manifesto, bearing the signatures of many Members of Parliament, ministers, and social workers, setting forth that the time is ripe for more energetic action on the part of all religious and philanthropic communities to raise the standard of social and personal purity. "Not only in London," it is stated, "but in all great cities and towns, there is an inevitable demoralisation that can only be arrested and replaced by a higher tone through combined action."

The Miller Memorial Hospital at Greenwich is to be known for the future as "The Miller General Hospital for South-East London." The Board have purchased a piece of land in the vicinity of the hospital buildings and also other property abutting upon the present buildings, part or all of which would ultimately be used for extension purposes. The hospital is situated where it is greatly needed and does very good work.

The fine block of buildings at Fulwood, which have been presented by Mr. Samuel Meggitt Johnson to the Royal Hospital, Sheffield, as an Annexe, were opened on Monday afternoon by Mr. Johnson. The Annexe is situated in open country, which should be of great benefit to the patients, while it is readily accessible, being only three minutes' walk from a tram terminus. The Annexe will afford accommodation for 40 patients in two spacious wards, opening on to verandahs, and day rooms for both men and women patients are also provided. The gift is a noble one, and must prove of great benefit to the sick poor of Sheffield.

Our Foreign Letter.

FIRST NATIONAL CONGRESS OF ITALIAN WOMEN
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Therumours regarding Queen Elena's presence at the reading of Signora Sciamanna's paper on "Hospital Nurses" were not verified. The reason given was that as she had been to none of the other sessions it was not possible to come to only this one. But I heard that the actual reason was that the excited discussions on previous days had been considered proofs that a Queen's presence would have been out of place. Italy has certainly given an example of extraordinary democracy in this Congress. The most "advanced" opinions have been freely expressed by women of every grade of society, and in another paper I should like to give an account of the way they treated the question of religious education in schools, as that subject is also still a burning one in England.

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