

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

It is now officially announced that Surgeon-General Sir Alfred Keogh, K.C.B., has been placed on retired pay, and Surgeon-General William L. Gubbins, C.B., M.V.O., has been promoted from Deputy Director-General to Director-General. Consequent on these changes, Colonel William Babbie, V.C., C.M.G., has been appointed Deputy Director-General, with the temporary rank of Surgeon-General, and Lieut.-Col. W. G. Macpherson, C.M.G., R.A.M.C., has been appointed Colonel.

Mr. H. J. Tennant, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Board of Trade, presided last week at the annual meeting of the Great Northern Central Hospital, Holloway Road, and in proposing the adoption of the report said the institution had done more work last year than in any previous year of its existence. The total receipts had amounted to £24,000, which had enabled them to reduce their debt to the bankers by £5,000. The satisfactory financial result was largely attributable to the festival dinner, which produced £8,051, and to a grant of £5,000 from King Edward's Hospital Fund. The report was adopted.

Upwards of £100,000 has been left or given to hospitals and other charitable institutions recently, of which we rejoice to see that Mrs. Morrison left £25,000 to the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children; she also bequeathed £5,000 each to the Anti-Vivisection Hospital and the Anti-Vivisection Society; King Edward's Fund gets £1,000 from Miss Emma Brandreth; and St. Bartholomew's and St. Thomas' £1,000 each from Mr. R. Nivison.

Dr. Manuel Varona Suárez, Secretary of Public Health and Charities in Cuba, has been appointed Chief Editor of the Official Bulletin of the Department, *Sanidad y Beneficencia*, in succession to Dr. Matias Dugue y Perdomo. The usefulness of the Bulletin as a branch of the work of the Department has been amply demonstrated by the valuable articles published in its columns, which we have from time to time brought to the notice of our readers.

Messrs. Coleman and Co., Ltd., Proprietors of Wincarnis, notify us that their stock of perfumed blotters is now exhausted. They have given away several hundred thousands, which no doubt our readers have appreciated.

They also inform us that they have issued a new edition of their valuable cycling maps. A complete set of these maps, sixteen in number, embracing the whole of England and Wales, will be sent free on receipt of four penny stamps.

Last year 500,000 of these maps were sold to the public. We may mention that the actual cost of these maps exceeds the price asked for them.

Our Foreign Letter.

THE DREAM COME TRUE.

Scuola Convitto, "Regina Elena," Policlinico, Roma.



This little place is extremely pretty; all the walls and paint are white or cream or pale green, so that strong notes

of colour can be struck in the accessories.

Thirty-two bed and four bathrooms, a large refectory and nurses' salone, Sisters' salottino, and Matron's salotto and office, all with steam heat and electric light, make up the whole, which a friendly laundry manager to-day rejoiced at as "something done finally for nurses with a little luxury."

We still have workmen giving finishing touches, and still some of the furniture keeps making a somewhat retarded appearance. But in what country are promises always absolutely fulfilled?

Our chief has obtained wire in all our windows, so that neither flies nor mosquitoes can torment us. We have the hospital chapel above us, only a flight of stairs to reach it. On meeting one of the little suore with whom I worked in Signora Sciamanna's time, I told her how glad I was to be back, and how fortunate we were to have such a delightful little convitto.

"Yes, indeed," she answered, "you are fortunate to live under the Santissimo"—the Most Holy. And the Mother Superior sent two English-speaking suore to "carry her love and homage to the Signora Direttrice" in response to Miss Snell's presentation by the Committee ladies.

The actual date of taking over the wards is not yet fixed, but will be quite in the beginning of April. The Queen will open the Training School, only the hospital great people being present, besides the Committee, and, we hope, Miss Baxter. But for some days after, the public who are interested in the work will be invited at a fixed hour to visit the "Dream come true"—alias the Scuola Convitto Nurses' Home—and see the Anglo-Italian staff at work and—in uniform!

On the 17th Professor Bacarani comes to Rome to give a Conference on Nursing, when all the nurss who have arrived can hear the Italian Hospital Director, who sympathises so keenly with their work.

The nurses are beginning to appear in Rome, the best way to develop their Italian.

I think this is our news briefly up-to-date. I hope you can use it, though it is not so interesting as it might be, if I could tell more details. I will write more after the opening.

Yours very truly,
M. AMY TURTON.

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