

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



MISS R. H. DE TEISSIER CROSSE has been appointed Matron of the Dunster and Minehead Village Hospital. She was trained at the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, has been Charge Nurse at the Buckinghamshire General Infirmary, Aylesbury, for two years, and has had experience as *locum tenens* for the Matron of the Abingdon Cottage Hospital, and also in private nursing, so that she brings ripe experience to begin her new and responsible work.

MISS ALICE REES has been selected as Matron to the Sisters' Hospital, St. Albans. She has lately held the position of Matron to the St. Marylebone Isolation Hospital, London, and has a varied experience of Nursing work.

MISS ELEANOR JONES, who lately passed second in the final examination at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has been appointed Night Superintendent at that Hospital—a post of great responsibility, and one for which she is considered eminently suited by all her colleagues.

At this season of the year, with Christmas close upon us, many of our Hospitals are making special appeals to the benevolent public to come to the rescue, and help pay the necessarily heavy Christmas bills. It would be invidious to mention one as more deserving than the rest. But we all have our special sympathies, and mine is with the Children's Hospital, as doubtless most mothers' are.

SPEAKING this year at a dinner in aid of the Victoria Hospital for Children, situated in the Queen's Road, Chelsea, His Royal Highness the Prince of WALES said:—"All of us who have children, or have friends with children, know what a trial we go through when any of the little ones are ill. What must it be for those poor people—and there are many, alas! in this great metropolis—who have children perhaps running about the streets, suffering from most terrible and most contagious diseases, feeling that they have no means of getting them cured or properly cared for? For such cases as these an institution like this is sorely needed, and I believe that this one is maintained in as admirable a manner as possible. I had an opportunity recently of visiting the Victoria Hospital. I did so with my sister, the Princess LOUISE, who, you are well aware, takes the greatest possible interest in the Institution. We went through all the different wards, and all I can say is, that as far

as my judgment goes, everything was in the most admirable state. The ventilation was good, the children apparently well cared for in every possible way, and, as far as I could learn, the medical staff performed their duties in a most exemplary manner."

I HOPE that those of my readers who have the good things of this world to spare, and who have not yet paid this beautiful Hospital a visit, will do so, and then they will not forget to leave practical proof of the admiration with which its beneficent work will inspire them.

THE Charing Cross Hospital has received a donation of £50 from the Duke of SAXE-COBURG and GOTHA, the president of the Hospital.

ON Saturday afternoon a new free public library for Lambeth, situate in the Lower Marsh, was formally opened by the Princess CHRISTIAN. The rector of Lambeth (the Rev. the Hon. Canon PELHAM) occupied the chair. The chairman, in a short speech, reviewed the history of the free library movement. In conclusion, he welcomed the Princess among them, and alluded to the great work she had accomplished for the community—rich and poor—in the active part she had taken in elevating Nursing, and thus establishing associations of Nurses to help the poor in their own homes. Canon FARRAR said truly "that no one had done more to brighten the lives of the people than the Princess CHRISTIAN."

SIR RICHARD QUAIN, Bart., F.R.S., whose membership of the General Council of Medical Education and Registration terminated last month, has again been appointed by Her Majesty the QUEEN to be a Member of the Council to represent the Crown for a further period of five years.

AN important report has just been drawn up by the Committee of the Association of Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons relating to suggested changes in the charters and bye-laws of the College in the interests of the Fellows. The report consists of seventeen clauses. The first eight are chiefly concerned in providing for the meetings of the Fellows separately from the members, and in laying down the regulations under which such meetings shall be held. The ninth clause is, perhaps, the most important of all, inasmuch as it introduces a radical change. It specifies that "the President of the College shall be elected by the Fellows from among the past or present members of the College at the meeting in July." In present circumstances the President is elected by the Council from among its own members, in which elections, of course, the general body of Fellows

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