

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



MRS. KATE DALY has been appointed Matron of the City Hospital, Parkhill, Liverpool. She received her training at the Brownlow Hill Infirmary, and was subsequently made Superintendent of Nurses at Bradford Fever Hospital, and Matron of Bootle Fever Hospital, so that she has had a large experience for the responsible post to which she has been appointed.

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THE Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Lord HOUGHTON, lately paid a visit to Sir PATRICK DUN'S Hospital, Dublin. He was conducted round the wards and other parts of the Institution by members of the Committee, Medical Staff, and the Lady Superintendent Miss MARGARET HUXLEY, and he expressed himself greatly pleased by the arrangements and excellent order in which he found the Hospital.

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THE East London Nursing Society, which is affiliated to QUEEN VICTORIA'S Jubilee Institute, is doing excellent work in the East End of London. This Society, established twenty-four years ago, when it provided three Nurses for Poplar, Bromley, and Stepney, has now four Matrons, twenty-nine Nurses, and a Maternity Nurse under its direction, and an area of operation embracing twenty-nine East-end parishes, with a total population of 264,000. These Nurses live in the respective parishes in which they work, and go to the homes of all the sick poor that need them, and some idea of what that work is may be gathered from the following figures:—Number of persons nursed—1891, 3,971; 1892, 3,827; 1893 (up to the end of October), 3,728. These attendances often involve night nursing, and more than one daily visit; sometimes they last over periods of 100 days, and are ended by the recovery or death of the patient. A larger permanent income is needed, as, the Nurses being appointed on permanent engagements, any sudden decrease in the funds is most disastrous. Both Bow and Bromley-by-Bow, with populations of 7,200 and 22,000 respectively, are urgently requiring a Nurse; and it is for these and similar requirements that the managers of the society confidently appeal to a benevolent public. All information concerning this excellent charity can be received from Mr. Arthur W. Lacey, 49, Philpot Street, Commercial Road, E.

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In the presence of a numerous company of ladies and gentlemen, the four corner-stones of the new Nurses' Home, which is being erected in connec-

tion with the Leeds Union Infirmary, were laid on the 14th inst. The foundations of the structure are already in an advanced state, and it is expected that this important addition to the large Institution at Burmantofts will be completed in a year's time. Mr. THOMAS WINN, architect, and a former Chairman of the Leeds Guardians, was entrusted with the task of preparing the plans. He spared himself no trouble in visiting other Institutions of a similar character in various parts of the country, and succeeded in designing a building which met with the hearty approval of all who were aware of the requirements. The site on which the Home is to be erected is behind, and about one hundred yards from, the Infirmary. Facing in a northerly direction, there will be in front of it a large area of spare ground; in fact, a more suitable situation could not have been selected. The building will be on the block or wing principle. There are to be forty separate sleeping apartments, located for the most part in the two wings. The Matron's rooms will be in the centre, one-storey block; and in this portion, too, will be two sitting-rooms, one for the regular trained Nurses and the other for the Probationers. In a separate one-storey block behind the main building will be a kitchen, scullery, and dining room. Every care is to be taken to ensure effective sanitation, and to avoid the danger of fire. The corridors will be fire-proof, and at the ends of the two wings iron fire-escapes will be placed. Water-mains, with proper fire-extinguishing appliances, will also be provided on the several landings in the building. The total cost, including furnishing, is expected to be rather under £10,000.

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THE good old rule of "Ladies first" does not appear to be in force in the enlightened city of Cambridge, a local paper remarking that—

"When the Addenbrooke's Hospital was undergoing alteration during the early part of the year, it was found that the state of the floors left much to be desired, and that unless they were relaid with hard wood, the sanitary condition of the wards would still be defective. A special effort was made to meet the expense, and a sum of over £300 was contributed to enable the Governors to carry out the work. The Governors contributed an equal sum from the general funds, and this sufficed to put in excellent condition two surgical wards and one medical ward. The improvement has been most marked, and it is now possible to keep these wards sweet and clean, without the incessant damp and effluvia which accompany the scrubbing and scouring of rough boards. The re-floored wards are, however, all on the men's side of the Hospital, while the two wards, medical and surgical, on the women's side are still subject to the old disadvantages. In the hope that the liberality of the friends of the Hospital is not yet exhausted, and in view of the great importance of putting the whole of the wards into the sound and healthful condition which

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