

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR



MISS CLARISSA HUNTER has been appointed Matron of The Children's and General Hospital for Leyton, Wanstead, and Walthamstow. Miss HUNTER was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, from 1883-90, when she was appointed Matron of the Foundling Hospital Infirmary from 1890 to 93. Miss HUNTER is now a Member of the Registered Nurses' Society, and is a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association and a Registered Nurse.

MISS TIPPETT has been appointed Assistant Matron to the Birmingham Workhouse Infirmary. She was trained and certificated at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, where of late she has held the responsible post of Theatre Nurse. Miss TIPPETT is a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association and a Registered Nurse.

THE following Lectures will be delivered next week at the Sanitary Institute, Margaret Street, W. :—

Monday 12th.—“House Drainage.” W. C. TYNDALE, Assoc.M.Inst.C.E.

Wednesday, 14th.—Inspection and Demonstration of Artizans Dwellings and Disinfecting Stations at Chelsea, at 2 p.m., conducted by Dr. LOUIS PARKES, Medical Officer of Health.

Wednesday, 14th.—“Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.” Prof HENRY ROBINSON, M.Inst.C.E.

Friday, 16th.—“Scavenging, Disposal of House Refuse.” CHARLES MASON, Assoc.M.Inst.C.E., A.R.I.B.A., Surveyor, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields.

Saturday, 17th.—Inspection of the Southwark and Vauxhall Water Works, Hampton, at 3 p.m.

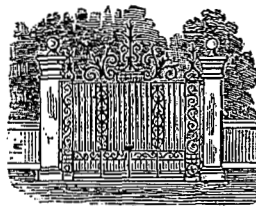
THE Barton-on-Humber District Nursing Association has recently issued its 8th Annual Report, and appears to be progressing in a most satisfactory manner under the most able superintendence of Miss ALICE DANNATT. During the last year, ending September 30th, 95 patients have been visited, the number of visits paid being 4,116.

WE have been informed by Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds Company that, at the recent Sanitary Institute at Liverpool, they were awarded a Certificate of Merit for their disinfectants; and also that at the Oswestry Agricultural Society's show they won a Silver Medal for their exhibit. The total number of the awards of this Company now reach sixty-four.

— Outside the Gates. —

WOMEN.

ST. MARGARET'S HOUSE.—A WOMEN'S SETTLEMENT IN THE EAST END.



BETHNAL GREEN, in spite of its modern public houses, its pawnshops, its endless factories, its “old clo's” depots,” and its undertakers' establishments, bears unmistakable traces of having lived a life separate and distinct from that of busy, throbbing London. The shops built over the tiny gardens; the stray double-fronted houses, streets with houses built at varied angles, irregular in shape and height, all tell of a time when the place was inhabited by people with leisure and with the refinement which leisure should bring—by people, in short, whose very presence impart an atmosphere of serenity even upon those whose life is one of toil from early morning till late at night. Bethnal Green—the very name conjures up a picture of its ancient character, with the Blind Beggar and Pretty Bessie as romantic figures in the foreground of the canvas. Now Bethnal Green has been swallowed up inevitably, ruthlessly, in the great East End. It forms part of that enormous city where thousands and hundreds of thousands work, work, without even time to think of a happier life, without even a moment to remember that only a few miles away there are green fields, beautiful hedges, sunshine and fresh air. For the most part these people have the material things of life—food, clothes, shelter; but slowly, unconsciously, street after street has sprung up, engulfing outlying villages, without anyone remembering that, in more senses than one, “Man cannot live by bread alone”; that open spaces, picture galleries, libraries, museums, lecture halls, the influence of cultivated people, opportunities for amusement and recreation, are as necessary to the social well-being of a people as bread and meat; and that without such institutions their life is little better than that of working automata.

Within the last twenty years there has been a remarkable awakening. The West End has realised that there is an East End. Mr. Walter Besant showed in varied colours the awful monotony of life led by the people in the regions around Whitechapel. By this and other means consciences were aroused. The People's Palace was built; libraries have been springing up in every direction; Toynbee Hall has opened up glimpses of a fuller and more glorious life. The need that exists for cultured and refined influences is being met by settlements; settlements made by the Universities and by the Church, some specially for men and some specially for women.

St. Margaret's House, Bethnal Green, is one of these, forming the women's branch of the Oxford House Settlement, both being worked on the lines of the Christian Social Union—a society which has done more, perhaps, than any other to educate the educated, in regard to their duties and responsibilities. The other day we wended our way towards Bethnal Green, being anxious to see something of the settlement about

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