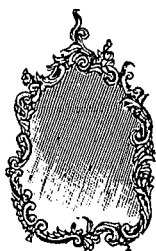


Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



A HOOD which the QUEEN herself had knitted in red wool has been presented to the Royal Berks Hospital at Reading, through the Berks and Bucks Needlework Guild.

THE following appointments have been made by the Order of His Royal Highness the Prince of WALES, the Grand Prior of the

Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:—Captain Sir Alfred Jephson, R.N., to be Secretary-General; Edwin Freshfield, Esq., LL.D., to be Receiver-General; Colonel Sir Herbert C. Perrott, Bart., to be Secretary; and the Chapter have appointed The Hon. Albert Edward John Henniker to be Assistant-Secretary to Sir Herbert Perrott.

THE Prince of WALES, Princess CHRISTIAN, and the Duchess of ALBANY have expressed their willingness to co-operate in the movement which is on foot to mark the appreciation of the great services which Sir Henry ACLAND has rendered to Oxford and to the country at large. With the close of the present year Sir Henry ACLAND will retire from the Regius Professorship of Medicine at Oxford, to which he was appointed in 1858. It is believed that no memorial could take a form more acceptable to Sir Henry ACLAND than a provision for the increased usefulness of the Sarah Acland Home for Nurses. The work of this institution is cramped for want of means to obtain more suitable premises, and its income, arising almost wholly from subscriptions, is expended on the district Nurses engaged in the service of the poor. It is proposed to raise a fund of about £10,000 to insure the extension of the work of the Home upon the present lines.

FROM the *Northern Whig* we learn with pleasure that the women's operation ward at the Royal Hospital, Belfast, has, through the munificent kindness of Mrs. DUNVILLE, been most comfortably and handsomely furnished. Mrs. DUNVILLE not only sanctioned the supply of the most modern and approved scientific fittings, doing all at her own expense, but we understand she gave Professor BYERS *carte-blanche* to purchase the very latest improvements for the relief of suffering, thus manifesting a lively sympathy with patients who have no means of procuring aid such as her thoughtful generosity has supplied. This is the second occasion on which she has shown her interest in

the women's department at the Royal Hospital. Some years ago she furnished the rooms used by the extern patients, while at the same time Mr. DUNVILLE supplied new floors, mattresses, &c., to several of the large wards of the Hospital. In the carrying out of all these various improvements a sum of between six and seven hundred pounds has been expended. In appreciation of Mrs. DUNVILLE's kindness the Board of Management of the Royal Hospital have, we understand, passed a special resolution thanking her, and proposing that this thoroughly-equipped ward shall be designated in future "The Dunville Ward." On one of the walls of the room a slab has been placed stating, "This ward was furnished by Mrs. Dunville, Redburn, 1894." The generous gift was accompanied with the kind wish that "the ward would be the means of restoring many poor women to health."

Lewisham Union Infirmary.

A Local Government Board Inquiry was opened on the 19th, and concluded on the 20th inst, in the Board Room of the Workhouse, by Dr. Downes, one of the Inspectors of the Board. Mr. Mott represented the Guardians; Mr. Alexander Henry appeared on behalf of Miss Pattison, the Matron; and Dr. Toogood, the Medical Superintendent, conducted his own case. Amongst the Guardians who were present were Dr. Pringle, Dr. Visger, Dr. Neats, General Gordon, Mr. Brownlow Poulter, J.P., Mrs. Staines, the Rev. Mr. Law, Miss Hughes, Miss Keen, and Mr. Wilkins.

Various Minutes and Resolutions of the Guardians showing the circumstances connected with the suspension of Miss Pattison, a copy of the duties of the Officers, the Medical Superintendent's Report Book, the Infirmary Committee Book, and letters from the Matron and Dr. Toogood to the Local Government Board were formally put in, as evidence.

The duties of the Medical Superintendent were defined to be to govern and control all the officers, assistants, and servants, in the Infirmary in conformity with the terms of a standing order of the Local Government Board, and with the regulations prescribed by the Guardians.

The duties of the Matron were defined to be to superintend the whole of the Nursing staff and the Nursing arrangements, subject to the approval of the Medical Superintendent.

Mr. Mott expressed the regret of the Guardians that there should have been any necessity for the Local Government Board to hold an inquiry, and suggested that the investigation should perhaps be limited to the letters written to the Board respectively by the Matron and the Medical Superintendent.

Dr. Dowes said, that he would endeavour to limit the inquiry, and it was arranged that Mr. Mott should call the witnesses, and that Mr. Henry and Dr. Toogood should have the right to cross-examine them.

Dr. Toogood who was the first witness, stated that he had had considerable experience. He had been medical superintendent at the Infirmary of St. George's-in-

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