

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Prince of Wales has sent £10 to the fund organised by "Reynolds' Newspaper" for a dinner to sandwich men on Christmas Eve.

Princess Mary's Convalescent Home at Bognor, for the convalescent patients of the Children's Hospital, Shadwell, was opened, last week, by Lady Maria Hood. The Rev. W. B. Baldon, Bognor, conducted a religious service, after which Lord Falkland made a speech referring to the benefit which it was hoped the Home would prove to many east end children.

There is accommodation for twenty-eight patients, and the nursing staff will consist of a Matron and three nurses, while rooms are provided for one or more nurses of the Children's Hospital, Shadwell, who may need a rest.

Dr. Rayner, the late superintendent of the male department of Hanwell Lunatic Asylum, delivered a lecture in connection with the course arranged by the Charity Organization Society at the Portman Rooms, on Friday 18th inst., on "the Lunatic Asylum." The lecturer stated that Asylums for the Insane were Mahomedan in origin, and were in existence before the twelfth century. He showed how in past ages the insane had been treated with barbarity in the belief that they were under Satanic influence, and expressed the hope that soon insanity would be treated as a disease.

An interesting event will be the opening of the new pavilion for insane patients at the New Lewisham Infirmary, on December 6th, which has been constructed and fitted in a thoroughly suitable manner.

It is a one-storied building, situated westward of the Albert Ward, and isolated. The pavilion is arranged to accommodate male and female patients. The entrance is built in an arched recess, from which two doors lead into the interior, where the large male ward, built to hold eight beds, is on the left hand, and the female ward, of similar capacity, on the right. Between the two wards and placed near the entrance, are two padded rooms for male and female patients respectively. At the end of the main men's ward the kitchen and attendants' watch-room is arranged. In close proximity is the acute ward for cases of more than usual difficulty, while beyond all, divided from the main building by a short vent lobby, are the bath-rooms and sanitary arrangements. The women's section is arranged on a precisely similar plan. Although the building will be lighted with gas for the present, it has been fitted throughout with an electric light installation in readiness for future local developments.

Such a pavilion, suited to the needs of the insane, should, in the future, prove of the utmost value in providing special training for the nurses in the care of the mentally afflicted, and thus add much to

the value of the certificate of training at the Lewisham New Infirmary. We hope Dr. Toogood and Miss Lofts will combine to perfect the theoretical and practical instruction in mental nursing, which it will now be possible to afford to pupil nurses, and thus qualify a certain number of efficient mental nurses for the future benefit of the public.

A good old custom is the Anniversary Meeting in connection with the General Hospital, Nottingham, when precedent ordains that the Governors and subscribers shall meet for Divine service at St. Mary's Church, and subsequently for the transaction of business. This year a most eloquent address was given by the Bishop of Hull from the text "I was sick and ye visited me."

A most satisfactory report of the hospital's work was presented to the Governors, from which we are pleased to gather, that an excellent site has been procured for the new nurses' home and laundry, and that the plans for the new wing, the wards of which are to be circular in shape, have been agreed upon.

At the recent annual dinner of the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, which has always kept well abreast with modern improvements and progress, it was suggested by Principal Glazebrook, that a school for the study of malaria should be established in connection with the hospital. From its connection with West Africa, Liverpool was more likely to have cases of malaria than even London.

The excess of expenditure incurred in the erection of the Brook Fever Hospital over the original estimate, has been, as readers of the daily papers are well aware, the subject of an inquiry by Mr. W. E. Knollys, chief general inspector of the Local Government Board. The outcome of the inquiry seems to be that the architect was to blame for incurring considerable expenditure without consulting the persons immediately responsible for the expenditure of the ratepayers' money, and that the Committee did not give such supervision of the works as was desirable and necessary.

The late Mrs. Slater, of Lichfield, who was well known for her generosity and large heartedness, has left the residue of her estate, which is likely to amount to £7,000, to be devoted to the discretion of her Trustees to the general purposes of the Lichfield Nursing Home.

After many difficulties and delays, the new buildings in connection with S. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, have at length been begun. Mr. Duncan Matheson, the chairman, has himself collected £40,000 for the new hospital.

The new Nurses' Home and Dispensary in connection with the Ormskirk Cottage Hospital, has been recently opened.

The Annual Report of the Horton Infirmary, Banbury, shows a satisfactory state of affairs. The income is equal to the expenditure, and progress has been made,

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