

of warm water, with common salt, in the proportion of a quarter of a pound of salt to the gallon of water. Great attention is paid to nutrition, and this will be assisted, when necessary, by massage. The milk used in the house will be supplied by Mr. Bond, tenant of the Duchess of Cleveland's Home Farm at Battle, for the supply of milk from tubercle free cows, and the tuberculin test will be applied. With regard to the open air, by degrees, and as the patients can bear it, it is Dr. Wills' object to get each one to endure complete exposure, but he is of opinion that a good deal of judgment is needed and that it is quite possible to be too strenuous in pushing this treatment. The limits, therefore, within which it can be advantageously employed are carefully considered with regard to each individual patient.

The establishment of this Home will, we believe, prove of the utmost benefit to many patients who need this form of treatment, and we are pleased to have this opportunity of bringing it before our readers. Possessed of great natural advantages, and under the care of a medical man, who has made a study of the special needs of the patients who will be received in it, there is every reason to believe that many of those who enter it ill and out of health will leave it with renewed vigour and with every prospect of a long and lusty life.

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Queen has contributed £100 in support of the special effort now being made for the re-acquisition of the Royal Normal College and Academy of Music for the Blind, Upper Norwood, as a national institution for the blind of the British Empire. The sum of £25,000 is required to place the college on an independent footing, free of mortgages and any indebtedness.

Amongst the New Year's honours, Sir Henry Thompson has been created a baronet, and Dr. Hermann Weber a knight.

Mr. John Furley who has for twenty-five years held the position of Commissioner of the National Aid Society, has also been knighted. He is a Knight of St. John, has seen a good deal of active service, and is one of the most noted wearers of the Red Cross.

Professor Roberts-Austen, of the Royal Mint, the greatest metallurgist of the day, has received the well-deserved K.C.B. Lady Roberts-Austen, so well known for the earnest interest she takes in the elevation and progress of women, is the convener of the Hospitality Committee for the forthcoming Women's Congress.

The Council of the Royal Institute of Public Health have awarded the Harben Gold Medal for 1899 to Lord Lister, P.R.S., in recognition of his eminent services to preventive medicine; and they have appointed Professor William R. Smith, M.D., D.Sc., F.R.S. Edin., as Harben Lecturer for the year 1899, who has chosen as the subject for his lectures "Diphtheria."

On the occasion of the jubilee of the St. Petersburg Academy of Medicine, the following British physicians were appointed honorary members of the Academy:— Sir William MacCormac, Bart.; Sir William Turner, F.R.S.; Lord Rayleigh; Sir William Stokes, Dr. William MacEwen; Dr. Thompson; Dr. Branton.

The little patients at the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, Shoreditch, who had been thinking for many days of nothing but Christmas, and the delights they have learnt from tradition are always associated with that time at a Children's Hospital, found that the fun and enjoyment of the festivities which were celebrated on Bank Holiday, far exceeded their highest conceptions.

Carol singing commenced the day, and was followed by the distribution of toys, cards, and sweets, of which through the kindness of many friends of the Hospital, there were enough for every child. The Christmas dinner was served at mid-day, and the afternoon and evening were spent in the enjoyment of "Punch and Judy," a magic lantern entertainment, and in all kinds of Christmas games. The festivities were continued on Tuesday with little diminution. The Committee provided the dinner, and the nursing staff and resident doctors were responsible for the tasteful decorations, into the designs of which Chinese lanterns, and the newly installed electric light, entered largely. Christmas trees are promised and will be decorated and hung with toys, &c., in time for the annual Christmas tree party, which will take place on 11th January.

Sunday is the usual visiting day, and each good mother who visited her child on Christmas Day received a present of two articles of clothing for the little ones at home.

A French scientist has been lecturing on the advantage of using the cinematograph to obtain records in cases of nervous disease.

By the will of the late Baron Ferdinand de Rothschild he bequeaths £100,000 to the Evelina Hospital for sick children, Southwark Bridge Road, which he founded in memory of his lamented wife, the late Evelina de Rothschild, younger daughter of the late Baron de Rothschild and sister of Lord Rothschild. The deceased baron also bequeaths £5,000 to the Jewish Board of Guardians, of which he was treasurer about twenty-five years ago; £1,000 to St. George's Hospital, Hyde Park Corner; £1,000 to the Hospital for Consumption, Brompton Road, and nine seamen's charities will jointly benefit to the extent of £20,000.

A goodly number of visitors assembled at the Ophthalmic Hospital, Moorfields, on Thursday last, and were present at an excellent entertainment given by medical students from the London Hospital, to those patients who were able to be up. The Matron, Miss Robinson, the staff, and all concerned are to be congratulated on a very successful evening. The hall in which the entertainment was held was prettily decorated with Chinese lanterns, flags, and fairy lamps. There could be no doubt as to the special nature of the hospital upon entering the room. A large number of patients were present, and upon nearly every head was the typical blue paper shade, and one or other eye was in almost

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