

England. Perhaps this is partly due to the abundance of private clinics in all German large towns to which the patients, even of the better classes, remove when they are to undergo an operation or some special treatment, and where, of course, they are attended, not by members of their families, but by professional nurses. Of late, however, since all things pertaining to hygiene have been more widely understood, sick nursing and the appliances and conveniences which alleviate suffering, have come in for their share of attention in Germany too; and so, not only the medical world, but the general public also is looking forward with great interest to the exhibition of objects connected with sick nursing, which is to be opened in Berlin during the time of the Tuberculosis Congress, and will remain on view till June 18th."

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MANY eminent medical men (we see no mention of the nurses) have been chosen to form a Special Jury, to whom all the exhibits must be submitted before acceptance.

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MANY friends will regret to hear that Sister Skerman, who is now a member of the staff of the Strangers' Hospital, Rio de Janeiro, has been down with yellow fever, but will rejoice to know that with care and good nursing she is now convalescent. It is, of course, almost impossible to get English nurses who are immune from this disease, and there is always a certain amount of risk to those to go to Rio, and a constant anxiety to the Matron that her nurses may suffer from the often fatal fever. For the future, however, Sister Skerman will be able to defy "Yellow Jack" and will thus be doubly useful.

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WE have before us a photograph of the Strangers' Hospital, which appears situated on the mountain-side, surrounded by lovely trees, from which there is evidently a magnificent view, and the nurses are sometimes sent up country—or rather up the mountain-side some thousands of feet—to nurse cases of "mountain fever."

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GREAT interest is felt in Rio in the suggestion of training doctors and nurses at home in the care of tropical diseases, as we are at present very ignorant of the true nature of numbers of fevers and diseases endemic to the tropics. As Miss Jackson, the Matron of the Strangers' Hospital, Rio, intends to be home in time to attend the International Congress, it is to be hoped she will have some interesting information to give us on this particular point, of how nurses are to be instructed in the nursing of tropical diseases at home before undertaking the responsibility of nursing them.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



IN a letter signed by Mr. A. Gordon Pollock, Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., Mrs. Mary Scharlieb, M.D., and Mrs. Westlake—an appeal is made for £3,000, to complete an endowment fund for the new Cancer Ward at the New Hospital for Women lately opened by the Bishop of London.

The Cancer Ward, and the new Nurses' Home, with improvements in the out-patient department, and in the operating theatre, have cost upwards of £5,000.

This sum has been provided without any appeal to the public. The Pfeiffer bequest has built the home, and the rest of the work will be paid for by spending what was left of the building fund raised by the kind exertions of many friends ten years ago. The Rev. James Chadburn has given the large sum of £5,000 towards the upkeep of the cancer ward, in memory of the late Mrs. Chadburn. This most generous gift, however, will not yield enough to cover the expenses of the ward. The cost of each bed, especially when occupied by sufferers who require much to relieve to the utmost their inevitable burden of pain, cannot be put at less than £60 a year. Mr. Chadburn's gift will produce £175 a year. If £100 more of assured income is contributed, Mr. Chadburn most kindly offers to give a further annual sum of £25, and the ward would then be endowed with £300 a year.

Baroness de Hirsch has given a donation of £200 to the North Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, Shoreditch.

The will of Mrs. Ann Farrell, of 3, Pelham Crescent, Brompton, was proved on March 2nd, the value of the estate being £5,007. After bequeathing legacies amounting to £350, she leaves the residue of her property to be divided in equal proportions between the Cancer Hospital, Brompton; Hospital for Consumption, Brompton; Royal Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Road; St. George's Hospital; the Superior for the time being of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri, South Kensington; and the Superior of St. George's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Southwark.

Dr. John Say Clarke, of Ryde, Isle of Wight, formerly of Canonbury Park, who died on December 22nd, aged 87, leaving personal estate to the value of £20,420, bequeathed to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution £300; to the Orphan Working School, at Haverstock Hill, £100; and he left his residuary estate, probably between £13,000 and £14,000 in trust for the London Homeopathic Hospital and Medical School, Great Ormond Street.

The income of the Birmingham General Hospital from all sources last year was £15,028 1s. 9d. We are sorry to notice that there is a deficiency of £1,583 upon the past year's income, and during the present year it has nothing to look forward to from the Musica

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