

very convenient sun verandah, and, at the south end, separate bath and lavatory accommodation. The latest scientific principles are, of course, embodied in the design and fittings of the building. The floors of the wards and of the day room are laid with polished Indian teak blocks, and all the walls, which are tinted palest yellow, are tiled to the height of five feet with French grey glazed tiles. Hot-water pipes supply the required heat, but there are in addition large central stoves. The building is raised five feet from the ground on arches so as to lift it above any damp that may rise from the soil; it is one storey high, and is furnished with a flat concrete and asphalted roof, so that a second storey may be added when required.

THE fittings and furniture of the ward are most tasteful and useful—a combination not always attained—white-painted iron cots, to which are attached spring wire mattresses, and clips for poles, so that a tent can, at any moment, be easily attached to the cot. The lockers are specially nice, white-enamelled iron and glass, the top slab of which is removable, and thus easily kept absolutely clean and sanitary. Each cot in the ward has been provided and furnished by different ladies, and they are named after children related to the donors. The names have been exquisitely designed and painted, in floral designs, handsomely framed, and hung at the head of each cot, "Betty," embowered in snow-drops in delicate green and white tones, being specially charming. Indeed, the furnishing and fitting of this ward appears to have been a labour of love—many friends of the hospital co-operating most generously to make it as beautiful and useful as good hearts and good taste can make it, and we may surmise that many generations of little suffering children will enter its hospitable doors to pass out of them again greatly benefitted in body and spirit by the skill and goodness which have provided for them this bower of love and science.

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### Sketches.

NURSE (inspecting thermometer): "Why, Sammie, what is the matter with you, this glass doesn't go up at all?"

SAMMIE (a smart boy from the vicinity of Leather Lane): "I tell you what it is, Nurse, I have been reading one of them there penny 'orribles this morning, and I expect it's made my blood run cold."

### Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE committee formed for the purpose of erecting a suitable memorial in Waterlow Park, Highgate, to Sir Sydney Waterlow, the generous donor of the park to the people of London, have decided that the memorial shall take the form of a bronze statue of Sir Sydney on a granite pedestal, and have commissioned Mr. Taubman, the sculptor, to execute the work. The precise spot on which the statue is to be placed has not been settled. The committee have already received in cash and promises the sum of £700, and about £300 more will be required.

The Chelsea Hospital for Women will be reopened to patients on Monday next. The operating theatre has been enlarged, and, with its adjacent rooms, brought into condition to fulfil all the requirements of modern surgery. The electric light has been installed, a new hot-water service and electric lift provided, and the hospital interior thoroughly cleaned and painted. The convalescent home at St. Leonards-on-Sea is also being cleaned and painted, and will be reopened next week. An expenditure of £3,000 has been incurred in meeting these requirements, of which amount about £1,500 has already been subscribed. Further contributions are invited, and they may be paid to the treasurer, Mr. Henry E. Wright, or to the Secretary, Mr. Herbert H. Jennings, at the hospital.

The following scholarships have been awarded in connection with the London School of Medicine for Women:—The School Scholarship, value £30, to Miss Sommer; the Bostock Scholarship, value £60 a year for four years, to Miss Payne; and the Mabel Webb Research Scholarship, value £30 a year for two years, to Miss Vaughan.

Mr. George Scudamore, the Secretary of the Samaritan Free Hospital, has been compelled to resign his appointment on account of prolonged ill health.

The War Office is advertising for civilian doctors to fill up the vacancy in the United Kingdom caused by the departure of so many officers of the Royal Army Medical Corps to South Africa. The appointments are for six months, the salary offered being £270 per annum. Candidates must be under forty years of age, and are to apply to the Director-General, Army Medical Department, 18, Victoria Street, S.W.

It is suggested that now that officers of the Indian Medical Corps, and the Royal Army Medical Corps, are being recalled, in preparation for war, and that a rearrangement of plague officials will be thus necessitated, the opportunity would be a favourable one for the creation of a sanitary service in India, and that the services rendered by some of the special plague officers from England should be recognised by giving them more important duties at a higher rate of pay.

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