

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



With a view of providing accommodation for 20,000 sick and wounded in the event of invasion or threatened invasion, the Borough Councils were asked by the War Office to state what buildings in their districts were available and likely to be suitable as temporary hospitals as general military hospitals in time of war; to schedule lists of medical officers, nurses, attendants, cooks, &c., who could be relied upon for assistance in the emergency contemplated; and to prepare lists of hospital equipment, such as bedsteads, bedding, &c., that could be obtained on short notice.

The lists have been in most cases supplied. There is a feeling, however, that the War Office should make their own arrangements directly, instead of indirectly through the councils.

The Borough Councils would not have the slightest hesitation in placing town halls and other buildings at the disposal of the War Office, should they be needed; but it was pointed out that there are other buildings in private possession, such as lecture and concert halls, hotels, drill halls, and other similar buildings, which would make excellent temporary hospitals.

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to grant to the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic a Royal Charter of incorporation.

A cheque for £2,656 8s. 10d. has been handed to the Hon. Sydney Holland, Chairman of the London Hospital, this amount being the net proceeds of the ball at the Albert Hall on June 9th in aid of the hospital.

The members of the Jenner Institute of Preventive Medicine have decided, subject to the assent of the Board of Trade, to change the name to that of the Lister Institute of Preventive Medicine.

At the quarterly Court of the Governors of the Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Brompton, the Secretary (Mr. Theobald) stated that their chief interest at present was centred in the country branch for open-air treatment, now building at Heatherside, near Frimley, for which funds were urgently needed. In aid of this branch the sum of £1,000 has also been received from the President of the Corporation, the Earl of Derby, K.G., G.C.B.

By-laws of the London County Council against leaving broken glass or nails in the street and against spitting in public carriages or halls have attained the force of law.

The hon. treasurer of the Cancer Research Fund under the direction of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and of Surgeons has received a donation of £1,000 to the fund "In Memory of 'M.'"

A special course of instruction is being given at the

Army School of Cookery, where soldiers are taught to roast, boil, grill, and bake with the sole aid of camp kettles and stoves, and during the army manoeuvres not even officers are to be allowed to take field messes or field ranges—they are to be cooked for by their soldier servants.

In accordance with the bequest of the late Mr. Handel Cossham, M.P. for Bristol East, a general hospital is to be erected on Kingswood Hill, Bristol, at a cost of £23,000, while £80,000 left by the testator will form an endowment for the charity. Mr. W. H. Butler has been unanimously elected Chairman of the Board of Management.

An International Congress for the Study of Tuberculosis will be held in Paris from September 24th to October 1st, 1904, and will comprise a medical, a social, and a technical section. The president of the Congress is Professor Brouardel.

It is reported from Copenhagen that Professor Finsen has had great success with his latest electric lamp, which is cheaper and more portable than the old apparatus and has given excellent results. He is very pleased that Dr. T. F. Ricketts, chief surgeon of the hospital ships, Long Reach, near Dartford, has introduced his red-light treatment for small-pox into England. The Russian medical institute at Kazan has also taken up the treatment, and the Portuguese Government has a medical representative at the Copenhagen institute, who intends to introduce the method into Lisbon.

Mr. Mark Whitwell, whose sudden death took place in London last week, was for nearly half a century a prominent figure in the religious, educational, philanthropic, and commercial life of Bristol. He was for many years chairman of the Bristol School Board, and was generally known as the "children's friend." He was also the founder of the Royal Hospital for Sick Women and Children.

Mr. William Hounsell, J.P., of Bridport, Dorset, who died last June, bequeathed £1,250 to the London Orphan Asylum, and £1,250 to the Cancer Hospital. On the death of his sisters £1,000 each to be paid to the London City Mission, the Society for Promotion of Christian Knowledge, Dr. Barnardo's Homes, the Thames Church Mission, and the Mission to Deep-Sea Fishermen; £500 to the Church of England Society for Waifs and Strays; £1,000 to the Bridport Dispensary; £1,000 to the Hospital for Incurables; and sums amounting to over £2,000 to other institutions.

The Government of Algeria is organising a gratuitous service of female practitioners for the Moslem women in that country, who decline to avail themselves of the services of medical men. The Government will supply the lady doctors with quarters, drugs, surgical instruments, and remuneration. A dispensary for Moslem women has already been established in Algiers, and others are about to be opened in the principal cities of the colony.

The latest arrivals from Uganda at Zanzibar report that the ravages of sleeping sickness there are in no way checked. The fly which carries the disease has been located, but no antidote has been found.

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