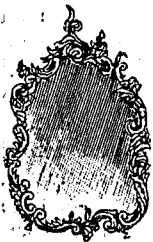


comfortably furnished, its appointments including a luxurious Chesterfield sofa, some lounge easy chairs, davenports, and occasional tables. The tables are in American walnut, and the furniture is upholstered in silk and wool tapestry and terra-cotta frieze velvets. The middle of the room is covered with a rich blue self-coloured Axminster carpet. The large bay window and the edges are covered with Rixdorfer parquet. The anonymous donor aforementioned has done admirably, but he has left an opening still for anyone else who would like to bear a hand in giving the Nurses' Home a good start. In case there should be some generous-minded person waiting for a suggestion, we may mention that the bookshelves remain unfilled and the Home is without a piano.

It will be realised that for the future the Norwich Nurses are to have a good time.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Committee of the Belgrave Hospital for Children did wisely when they decided to move the institution from Pimlico and rebuild it—where it is greatly needed—in the Clapham Road, close to St. Mark's Church, thus placing it at the disposal of a growing and needy population in Kennington, and their action may be regarded as the first practical step towards the decentralisation of our hospitals by bringing the hospitals to the homes of the poor.

On Monday, Princess Henry of Battenberg, who laid the foundation stone three years ago, opened the pretty new hospital, and could not fail to be pleased with its appearance, as we learn that it is already known to fame as "the pretty house"; and, indeed, it is difficult to imagine a more charming hospital for the purpose, so bright and dainty are all its arrangements—a vast contrast to the dull and hideous habitations from which most of the little inmates will be gathered.

The hall, as one enters, is charming—marble walls, a roof of cerulean mosaic, a wide oak staircase. The wards are equally tasteful—polished floors, daffodil-tinted walls, and decorated stoves; and the babies' ward is a bit of abstracted fairyland. The walls are tiled in pale yellow, with sage-green doors. The little folks of our nursery rhymes are all gaily performing their parts in pictorial tiles—such a beautiful Little Bo-Peep and Small Boy Blue; and around the famous mulberry bush joyous children are dancing, just as all happy, healthy children were intended to do. In the babies' ward the little white cots swing on their wrought-iron frames, and the pale pink curtains will enfold the wee inmates with a rosy cloud. How good it is to bring things beautiful in close touch with disease, so that the worm which corrupts may be robbed of his triumph, has been recognised and

demonstrated by those who have built and decorated the Belgrave Hospital for Children.

But the good work is by no means complete. It may be stated that the portions of the hospital already built consist of the centre, east, and part of the south wings, and out-patients' receiving-hall, comprising three wards with cots, babies' ward (in all about thirty-five cots), and offices for staff. To complete the payment of costs incurred, as well as the additional cost of equipment necessary to start the hospital into working order, a sum of £15,000 is needed, and a further sum of £25,000 will be required to give additional wards and make a total of seventy-eight cots with all necessary offices for staff and equipment. An anonymous donor has offered £2,000 if a like sum can be subscribed in sums of £25 each, but smaller donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Secretary.

At the annual distribution of prizes to the students at "Bart's," Sir Trevor Lawrence, the treasurer, after a few remarks upon the importance of the Medical School to the hospital, and of the hospital to the Medical School, said that the Governors were now contemplating the enlargement and rebuilding of the hospital, which was seriously needed, and which had been long deferred. The result of the changes would be, he had no doubt, that the hospital which had enjoyed a great reputation for many centuries would continue to hold it to a remote future. Sir Trevor remarked that the hospital had existed on that site for over 800 years, and had not made an appeal to the public for any help for more than 160 years.

Reference is made, in the annual report of the Board of Superintendence of Dublin Hospitals, to the practice of holding wakes (condemned by the highest religious and medical authorities) as a potent factor in the dissemination of disease and a consequent strain on hospital accommodation. The opinion is expressed that to a great extent this evil might be remedied by the provision of suitable mortuaries where the dead might be retained until removal for burial.

The list of Lord Leicester's benefactions to the medical charities of Norfolk within recent years is, we should think, unrivalled in local philanthropic records. The gifts which we can call to mind at the moment of writing are as follows:—

Norfolk and Norwich Hospital	£15,000
Fletcher Convalescent Home	20,000
Jenny Lind Infirmary	3,000
Kelling Sanatorium	2,100
Nurses' Home at Norwich	15,000
Nurses' Home Maintenance	5,000

making a princely total of about £60,000. And we seem to be generally aware of other smaller gifts of which we cannot call to mind the exact details.

A memorandum was published on Saturday by the Director-General of the Army Medical Service on the physical unfitness of men offering themselves for enlistment.

The Medical Superintendent of the Wiltshire Asylum reports a serious increase of lunacy in that county, due to parental intemperance as regards 16 per cent. of the cases.

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