

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



CLARENCE WARD AT ST. MARY'S.—The scaffolding has been taken down from the new Clarence Ward of St. Mary's Hospital, and a handsome front is revealed. Unfortunately, many thousands are yet needed to complete this memorial to the late Prince, and, though many have wished for a handsome exterior to the new wing, its expense raises grave considerations, especially as the style of architecture seems to have been calculated so as to cut off the maximum of sunlight from the windows of the wards.

The Duke of Connaught has accepted the office of President of King's College Hospital, in succession to the late Duke of Cambridge.

FOR EAST-END CHILDREN.—The Princess of Wales has given her patronage to a dramatic performance in aid of the East London Hospital for Children at Shadwell, at the New Theatre, on Tuesday, the 28th inst.

Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll will open the new building of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, on July 13th, and will then receive purses of £5 5s. and upwards towards the sum of £14,000 which is immediately required to pay off debts and to give the enlarged hospital a fair start.

Seats at His Majesty's Theatre on July 5th for the performance now in preparation by the Order of St. John of Jerusalem for the benefit of the Ophthalmic Hospital at Jerusalem are fast becoming few. One member of the Committee has sold over £1,000 worth of seats, and two boxes have been purchased at £250 each. The Prince of Wales has bought stalls for himself and the Princess of Wales. For the souvenir in preparation for the entertainment Princess Henry of Battenberg has drawn a sketch, and Mr. Mortimer Menpes is a contributor to several of its pages.

DONATIONS TO DESERVING HOSPITALS.—Mr. H. L. Bischoffsheim has sent a donation of £500 to the North-West London Hospital, in response to Lord Rathmore's appeal, Mr. George Herring, the treasurer, having promised to add one-third of all contributions. The Governors of the Tottenham Hospital have received a contribution of £100 from the Goldsmiths Company. The Chelsea Hospital for Women has received the following donations on account of increased medical expenditure:—The Grocers Company, £50; the Mercers' Company, £26 5s.; and R., £21, and to convalescent home, £10 10s.

THE ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH.—The Folkestone Congress of the Royal Institute of Public Health will take place from Thursday, July 21st, to Tuesday, July 26th. The Congress will be conducted in the following sections:—Preventive Medicine (president, Dr. W. J. Tyson, F.R.C.P.); Comparative Pathology, Bacteriology, and Chemistry (president, Dr. E. Klein, F.R.S.); Engineering and Building Construction (president, Mr. W. Harpur, M.I.C.E.); Child Study and School Health (president, Sir George W.

Kekewich, K.C.B.); Ladies' Section, in which State Registration of Trained Nurses will be discussed (president, Lady Radnor); the Early Physical Training of the Navy, Army, and Imperial Forces (president, General Sir W. G. Stirling, K.C.B.); Tropical Medicine (president, Professor W. J. Ritchie Simpson, M.D., F.R.C.P.). The general programme arranges for a number of social gatherings, receptions, and excursions. On Sunday, July 24th, there will be a special service at the parish church of SS. Mary and Eanswyth, when the sermon will be preached by the Dean of Canterbury. On Monday, July 25th, there will be a garden party at Shorncliffe Lodge, Sandgate, by invitation of Sir E. Sassoon, M.P., and Lady Sassoon. On Tuesday, July 26th, an address on tuberculosis (in English) will be given by Professor Ferdinand Hueppe, M.D., Director of the Hygienic Institute of Prague, and a popular lecture on "The personal health of the citizen in relation to national efficiency," by Surgeon-General G. J. H. Evatt, C.B., M.D.

GRIM HUMOUR OF A DIARY.—The Master of a Staffordshire workhouse always presents his report to the guardians in the form of a diary, and a curious juxtaposition occasionally results. At this week's meeting the diary recorded: "May 15th.—Death of John Jones, aged twenty-eight, a person of unsound mind. No inquest. There are some bones for sale."

BRICKS AND MORTAR AT MANCHESTER.—It is proposed to rebuild the Southern Hospital at Manchester on an extensive scale, with a fine department for maternity cases, and wards for the treatment of women and children.

HOPE FOR CONSUMPTIVES AT CORK.—In view of the recent failure of the movement for the establishment of a municipal sanatorium for consumptives in London, it is interesting news that all the local authorities in county Cork have combined in a scheme for the establishment of such an institution on the banks of the Lee, several miles above Cork city. The proposal now only awaits Parliamentary sanction. The institution will be controlled by a governing body of representatives drawn from the districts concerned in proportion to the amounts contributed by a penny rate. The number of patients will be selected on the same basis.

EPIDEMIC IN A GLASGOW HOSPITAL.—A somewhat alarming epidemic of diphtheritic sore throat broke out recently among the staff of Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow: The first to be affected was the senior assistant resident physician, but as he was in charge of the diphtheria wards nothing much was thought about the matter. Subsequently, however, others became affected, and altogether thirty-eight persons, including two patients, suffered from the ailment. The milk supply was suspected, and inquiries were set afoot, with the result that the outbreak was, to all appearance, traced to a farm furnishing a portion of the milk supply, where a large number of the cows were found to be suffering from an eruption on the teats. Dr. Chalmers, the City Medical Officer, in his report on the outbreak at the hospital, says he is disposed to regard the throat symptoms as due to a septic infection arising from the growth of secondary organisms on the affected teats, and conveyed in the milk.

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