

by a charming lady, who seemed much pleased with our expressions of appreciation.

Truly a splendid structure, lacking in nothing that science and money could supply. At present only a few wards are in working order. What will it be like when in full work?

What of the nursing staff? At present it is staffed by the Victoria House Sisters. We were told it is to be well staffed, one Sister to every six patients, but we were not told how that was calculated, whether that included the night staff, or would be one to six without the night staff—which will make all the difference.

Will the Matron or chief nurse be allowed supreme control in her own department? If so, given a good strong woman, what a splendid training-school for the future nurses of Berlin. But we could not help feeling that the chances are that another splendid opportunity will be lost, because not yet are the men of Germany sufficiently advanced to realise that nursing is woman's work, and should be controlled and taught by nurses. M. BURR.

Lectures on Sanitary Subjects.

An interesting course of lectures and demonstrations for sanitary officers has been arranged by the Sanitary Institute, Parkes Museum, Margaret Street, London, W., which will be given in September, October, and November. The lectures will include the subjects scheduled for the examinations of the Institute and the Sanitary Inspectors' Examination Board. The lectures are divided into two courses.

Part I. includes four lectures on Elementary Physics in relation to Water, Soil, Air and Ventilation, and Meteorology, and twenty-one lectures on Public Health Statutes, the practical duties of a Sanitary Inspector, Municipal Hygiene or Hygiene of Communities, and Building Construction in its Sanitary Relations. Inspections and demonstrations are arranged in connection with the lectures, and include visits to Disinfecting Stations, Dairy Premises, Municipal Depôts, Artisans' Dwellings, Offensive Trades, Waterworks, Common Lodging Houses, Sanitary Works in Progress, Refuse and Sewage Disposal Works.

Part II. comprises seven lectures on Meat and Food Inspection, including taking samples of water, food, and drugs for analysis, and practical demonstrations of Meat Inspection are given. The fee for Part I. is £2 12s. 6d., for Part II. £1 1s., or the complete course £3 3s. Particulars of the examinations held at the Institute can be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. E. White Wallis, F.S.S., at the office. The hour of the lectures is 7 p.m. Demonstrations commence usually from 2 to 3 in the afternoon.

The Library of the Sanitary Institute, which contains nearly all the text-books useful to candidates for the examination as well as books of reference, is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday till 1 p.m.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



A MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.—The foundation-stone of the new buildings of the Infirmary, Northwich, which will represent Mid-Cheshire's memorial to the memory of the late Queen Victoria, was laid last week by Sir J. Verdin, Bart., D.L. The scheme is estimated to cost about £5,000. The new portion will provide twelve additional beds, nurses' rooms, operating and anæsthetic rooms, and offices. The buildings will be in the half-timbered style, reminiscent of the old Cheshire halls. The extension has been necessitated by the popularity of the present infirmary, which is continually overcrowded.

THE GENERAL HOSPITAL, NORTHAMPTON.—The Governors of the Northampton General Hospital have decided to transfer the sum of £3,700 standing to the credit of the investment account to the building account to meet the overdraft. The debt on this account now stands at £13,000.

AN ACCEPTABLE GIFT.—The Swansea Hospital has received a gift of £300 from Miss Clara Thomas, by whose generosity it has also benefited on previous occasions.

A WELCOME ADDITION TO HOSPITAL FUNDS.—The funds of the Newport and County Hospital have, through the kindness of Lord Tredegar, benefited to the extent of £31, being the consideration paid by Mr. John Studt for the use of a piece of ground to hold a show upon. Mr. Studt has also given one evening's takings at the show, amounting to £9 3s. 4d., to the funds of the hospital, making a total of £40 3s. 4d.

BOARDING-OUT THE INSANE.—Dr. Conolly Norman, Resident Medical Officer at the Richmond Asylum, at the monthly meeting of the Joint Committee of Management dealt in his report with the boarding out of the insane; and, speaking later in support of the suggestion, said the system had been adopted with very remarkable success in Germany and France. In the district of the Seine there were about 1,100 patients in family care, at a very large saving in maintenance and an absolute saving in capital cost. He thought it might be well for the Committee if, instead of listening to his suggestion with polite approval, they would go and see for themselves. The system was also in practice in a number of places in Germany, particularly in Saxony, where, although it had been going on only six years, there were now 300 patients in family care. Therefore he thought it would be a very good thing to look into the matter and see if the system could be adopted profitably and advantageously in this country. Dr. Norman was directed to prepare a detailed report of the working out of the boarding-out system in France and Germany.

BIG MAGNET FOR OCULISTS.—The largest electromagnet in the world for use in surgical operations has recently been set up at the Bridgeport Hospital, U.S.A. It is 5 ft. high, and weighs a quarter of a ton, and is intended for patients who have had a piece of steel embedded in the eye, there having been a large increase in this class of injury at Bridgeport.

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