

as well as of the private rooms assigned to the Matron, lies in the furniture, most of which dates from the period of the foundation of the hospital; and the Queen Anne chairs, with their rush seats and noble designs, are a mental as well as physical rest in the hours of nerve-exhaustion which every real nurse has to face.

The staff, including Matrons and Sisters, number about forty; a certificate is granted on examination, after three years' training, and lectures are given by the resident medical officers and the Matron. The Medical School of Oxford is not a large one, but an onward move in many matters, medical included, has recently been making itself felt in these haunts of classic lore, and the appointment of Dr. Osler to the Regius Professorship of Medicine has stirred its deep, quiet waters into fresh activity, and awakened an expectant thrill of future possibilities in those who are interested in the scientific progress of the University.

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Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The London hospitals are in luck. The executors and trustees of the will and codicils of the late Miss M. F. Hasker have announced their intention to transfer to the trustees of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London cash and securities of the estimated value of £10,000, on condition that the amount is retained as capital by the Fund. This, with Mr. H. W. Marshall's gift of land worth £12,000, completes the sum required to make the permanent income of the Fund £50,000 per annum.

The King has been pleased to confer the title "Royal" upon the National Sanatorium for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, Bournemouth.

In connection with the fund which the Royal Sanitary Institute is raising for new premises for the Parkes Museum and the Library, and the extension and development of their public educational work, the following donations have been received:—The Worshipful Company of Carpenters, £26 5s.; the Worshipful Company of Clothworkers, £25; and the Worshipful Company of Grocers, £50. In addition to this, donations and promises have been recently received amounting to £1,275. The fund now amounts to £11,478, including the capital sum allotted by the institute. A further sum of about £13,500 is required in order to enable the institute to proceed with the scheme for new premises, which are urgently needed to meet the steady development of the public work of the institute.

Bart's is beginning to "hum." A contract has been signed for the building of the out-patients' block for £125,000. Towards this sum nearly £114,000 has been subscribed, of which £1,700 was announced at the recent general court of Governors, at which also a very large number of alterations were proposed and carried in the existing rules and orders, the trend of which was to increase the activity and controlling powers of

the various committees. Soon we will hope to see lady Governors on the House Committee.

In discharging a jury at Westminster, Mr. Troutbeck, the Coroner, expressed sympathy with them on having to view a body which was in an advanced state of decomposition. The authorities had not seen their way to provide refrigerating tables, so that the disagreeable duty which the jury had to fulfil might be made less disagreeable by the provision of an ordinary and simple precaution. Every voter would in the ordinary course of things be called on a coroner's jury, and it was their duty to exact a pledge from candidates that they would remedy the present disagreeable feature of the mortuary.

Regulations have been issued by the Home Secretary for the treatment of children charged at the Metropolitan Police Courts. These cases, it is laid down, should be taken first. Children in custody are to be kept in a room apart from other prisoners; they are not to be allowed in court until their cases come on, and are not to be placed in the dock.

The Committee of the Bristol General Hospital very gratefully acknowledge the handsome donation of £1,000 from the treasurer, Mr. Joseph Storrs Fry, towards the cost of the isolation wards shortly to be built, the total cost of which will be about £5,000.

The Nurses' Home at the New Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the first portion of the new buildings to be completed, has been handed over to the infirmary governors by Sir Riley Lord on behalf of the building committee. The foundation stone was laid by the King when Prince of Wales on June 22nd, 1900. The home provides accommodation for 104 nurses. It is hoped the infirmary wards will be ready for opening next year. Three sums, each of £100,000, were given to build and endow the institution, which commemorates the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria, the first by public subscription, the second by the late Mr. John Hall, and the third by the present Lord Armstrong.

Sir Henry Samuelson, chairman of the executive committee of the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital, Nice, is presenting an isolation block to the memorial, to be called, by the King's permission, the Sir Bernard Samuelson annexe, in memory of his father.

A correspondent in the *Pall Mall Gazette* throws a curious light on hospital management in Warsaw. He writes:—"Because they were dissatisfied with the quality of the food supplied, and with the miserable cooking, the patients in St. Roch's Hospital here, recently went on strike. In spite of all the persuasions of doctors and nurses, the sick people refused to take any food or nourishment until an improvement was made in the culinary department. Very dirty peddlers of unwholesome and even repulsive-looking edibles are daily to be seen going through this hospital; and a visitor who asked one of the attendants why such a thing was permitted, was told that the patients would simply starve if it were not for these peddlers."

The Jewish community at Salonica are to have a hospital of their own which will bear the name of the Hirsch Hospital. Messrs. Allatini Brothers have given 20,000 francs towards the cost of erection.

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