

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King has given £450 out of the State Apartments Fund of Windsor Castle to the building fund of the New King Edward VII. Hospital, opposite Combermere Cavalry Barracks, Windsor.

The Army Medical Advisory Board, which is to be re-constituted, will in future consist, in addition to the Director-General, who will be chairman, of a civil sanitary expert, a civilian physician, a civilian surgeon, and a civilian physiologist, an officer of the R.A.M.C. specially qualified in sanitation, an officer of the R.A.M.C. with special knowledge of tropical diseases, an officer of the Royal Engineers from the Department of the Director of Fortification and Works, and the President of the Medical Board India Office, as well as the Deputy Director-General, who will act as vice-chairman.

The Committee of the Great Northern Central Hospital has been led by the serious financial position of the hospital to institute a Shilling Fund for the purpose of maintenance. We hope there will be a generous response, as the hospital is doing most excellent work in a poor and populous neighbourhood.

Miss Ellaline Terriss, who organised a concert last week at Guy's Hospital, in which Mr. Seymour Hicks and many other well-known people appeared, stated, at the conclusion, her intention of supporting a bed for ten years, and a cot for a like period in the Luke and Charity Wards. Mr. Golding Bird and Sir Alfred Fripp accepted her gift on behalf of the hospital, and announced that the bed should be known as the "Ellaline Terriss" bed, and the cot next it as "Betty's Cot."

The City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, is appealing for funds to enable it to enlarge the out-patient department and to re-open the twenty-four beds that are now closed to those awaiting admission to the hospital.

The last year has been one of generous bequests to charities, nearly £10,000,000 including the late Mr. Sam Lewis's bequest of a million, which has become available for public objects, having been left upon trust.

A new Hospitals Bill has been prepared and will shortly be introduced into the New South Wales State Parliament. According to the *Australasian Medical Gazette*, the measure provides for radical changes in the existing system of hospital management. The fundamental principle is to make hospital committees bodies corporate, with all the powers and functions belonging to such bodies.

## Our Foreign Letters.

FROM GERMANY.



DEAR EDITOR,—It may interest you to know that in Prussia they will finish the rules for the nursing examination next Spring. Each

of the German States makes its own rules. None of the religious Orders, Catholic or Protestant (the nuns, the monks, or the deaconesses), will allow that the new Nursing Bill affects them and so the German Red Cross, the Diaconie-Verein, and the German Nurses' Association are the only nursing societies which will recognise it. There is no doubt that the passage of the Bill is due to the work of the last named Association, as was recently stated by a member of the Ministry. There is to be a Conference almost immediately between representatives of the above-named Societies, and it is a distinct triumph for the German Nurses' Association that the Ministry will require the delegates of the Red Cross to attend a conference in which the G.N.A. is participating. The Red Cross considers the G.N.A. its worst enemy, and in a way it is right, because all the best nurses who have left it during the last ten or twenty years have joined the Association, and it has done all it can to hinder the work of the G.N.A. Nevertheless in thirty-two mother houses and similar institutions they have now, after over thirty years of existence only a little over 2,000 nurses, while the German Nurses' Association already numbers 1,100 members in three and three-quarters years. Of course, the Red Cross does not like that, and tries to make people believe that we are a species of heretics. German nursing is a curious thing, and a little bit complicated for strangers to understand, but I hope you see what this step of the Ministry means to us—a good bit of a won battle.

Next week Sister Karll, the President of the German Nursing Association, is going to Dusseldorf for a Conference with all the doctors who are to hold office when the hospital is opened, and the Matron is going also. We wonder how these doctors will feel on beginning their work together with women who will not say "yes" to everything they want. You know German men are not used to such things, and have a good deal to learn in that line. Afterwards Sister Karll is going to Essen and Dortmund to give a lecture on nursing. Essen will have a large town hospital in the course of the next few years, and the Women's Association asked her to come to begin the battle. That is how we got Dusseldorf. In Dortmund our sisters have had a hard time, but are gaining ground day by day, and this time it was men who wanted Sister Karll to go and help them.

I was very much interested in the notes in the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING about our journal. You are wondering about the midwife question in

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