

"traumatic" fever treat themselves by the continual application of cold water, which M. Delaunay considers to be more certain than any of the other methods.

And so gathering together these and kindred facts which Michelet, Huber, and other learned historians of nature have set forth, we are forced to admit that hygiene and therapeutics have been practised in effective fashion by animals of almost every order. Possibly, in this connection, the lords of creation may in the interests of psychology, study their curious ways with advantage. It might further be noted that veterinary medicine, and even human medicine, could gather useful indications, precisely because they are prompted by instinct, and in this way add to the means for the preservation and restoration of the health of mankind. The spectacle of so much medical skill exemplified among the members of the animal creation renders it more difficult to treat as a brute the being which wills, and toils, and loves on such intelligent lines.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Mrs. Lansdown Beale, Miss Amy Hill, and Mrs. David Waterlow have been elected members of the Committee of Management of the Great Northern Central Hospital. We congratulate the Council of Governors upon their sensible decision to have women on the Committee, the exclusion of women from the management of institutions where good domestic management is of the utmost importance is too silly for words.

We are glad to observe that the Bedford Ladies' Hospital Collection Committee is rousing up the Governors of the County Hospital concerning the appointment of women on to the Board of Management. In a circular they publish the names of many influential supporters of the institution, who are in favour of obtaining women's help in the management of the hospital, and it is to be hoped that those who so stupidly obstruct this reform will cease making themselves ridiculous. We have long deprecated the position women are willing to assume in connection with public institutions, in collecting cash they are not considered qualified to expend. The truth is, women are generally to blame for their undignified position in the body politic. A little decent pride would do the sex as a whole no harm.

The Lord Mayor is appealing for help for the City Dispensary, which administers medical relief to the poorer class of workers in the City, and

their families who live on its borders, many of the patients being little children. Contributions may be sent to the Mansion House.

The Report of the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, Golden Square, W., presented to the subscribers at the Annual Meeting recently, says that the question of amalgamation with the other throat and ear hospitals had been under constant consideration by the committee since it was first mooted by King Edward's Fund in 1903, but no real progress had been made towards a settlement of the question owing to the fact that none of the existing buildings were large enough to admit of the inclusion of the staff and patients of the other hospitals. The ideal solution of the difficulty would seem to be for the King's Fund to provide in a central situation a building affording the necessary accommodation, or, failing that, an extension of their Hospital and the Central London Hospital in Gray's Inn Road, so as to provide sufficient room to enable the three smaller hospitals to amalgamate with them.

Liverpool is to be congratulated upon founding a Country Hospital for Children, and a public meeting, presided over by the Lord Mayor, was recently held to promote this laudable object. The hospital is not intended for convalescent and incurable children, but for those who need active medical and surgical treatment. It stands on the banks of the Dee, surrounded by heather, and overlooks the Welsh mountains. More and more we are realising that hospitals should be outside great cities, but Liverpool is the first to put this knowledge to practical use.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh visited Belfast lately and addressed a meeting held under the presidency of the Earl of Shaftesbury in the interest of the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium, Davos, Switzerland. Lord Balfour pointed out that no part of the United Kingdom had suffered so much from consumption as Ireland, which had one-fourth larger proportion of deaths from tuberculosis than any other European country. Ireland, therefore, had a real interest in this institution.

Many people, especially those living in flats, appreciate the usefulness and convenience of gas stoves, but hesitate to arrange for their exclusive use, because of the difficulty of securing a hot water supply. This need not, however, deter them, as the Gas Light and Coke Company can arrange for this either by means of gas heated circulators, or coke heated boilers. Those who are considering this important question are invited to visit one of the offices of the Gas Light and Coke Company, where information and advice as to the system most applicable to their own circumstances will willingly be given free of charge.

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