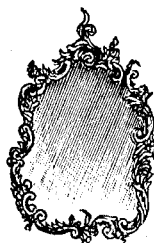


nursed. The patients pay from ninepence a day upwards, unless they are too poor to do so, when they are admitted free. Richer people pay three shillings a day, i.e., £1 ls. weekly, for their servants according to their means. There are two Queen's district nurses in the town, and though they are under a different committee, at the same time they fit in their work with that of the hospital, i.e., when their patients require special and constant nursing they are sent into the hospital, and when the patients are convalescent and only require a daily dressing they are discharged and put in the care of the district nurses.

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Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



At the London Hospital structural improvements are continuously being made. One could only wish this had been possible without sacrificing the spacious old garden. The new opsonic department for the treatment of tuberculosis and other diseases by injection is being erected as an addition to the Medical College. The

estimated cost for the building and fittings will bring the expense of the department well within £1,200. Lord Iveagh and Mr. Hy. Phipps contributed £1,000 and £200 respectively towards the enlargement of this special department. More balconies are being built to certain wards, as those already erected have been a great source of enjoyment to the patients unable to be removed to the gardens. A great number of children have been treated in the X-ray department by the new treatment for ring-worm. In the past twelve months 500 have been successfully treated, cases being cured at one sitting. So successful has been the treatment that the Infant Orphan Asylum at Wanstead are sending children for cure, and agree to pay 7s. 6d. a case.

Mr. Caldwell, M.P., presided over a meeting of the Select Committee of the House of Commons, which, on Thursday in last week, again had under consideration the Bill to incorporate the President and Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, and to provide for the management of the Fund. The Bill has been amended, and now provides, concerning the appointment of future Presidents, that "if at any time when there shall be no president some person, being a son, brother, or grandson of the Sovereign, shall, in the opinion of the Lord Chancellor of Great Britain, the Prime Minister, and the Governor of the Bank of England for the time being, be duly qualified to fill the office of president, they may recommend the Sovereign to appoint, and the Sovereign, on such recommendation, may appoint such person to be a president."

Should the office of president be vacant, all powers belonging to it are to be exercisable by three governors jointly. The sub-section of Clause 7 which enable the President "at pleasure" to remove any member of the general council, or of any committee, or any officer, and to dissolve any committee, has been struck out.

Mr. Caldwell, M.P., said his personal feeling was that the management should be in the hands of a constitutional body. Wherever there were powers of management there must be responsibility, and grievances were directed against the person who had the power. He thought it desirable to avoid that. Some time ago he objected to the Prince of Wales being chairman of the Dover Harbour Board, as Warden of the Cinque Ports, on the same grounds, and a Bill was brought in last year to separate the Prince from the management of a big undertaking such as that. The responsibility of management should rest with people who were "get-at-able," and could be criticised freely.

After the preamble had been formally proved, the Bill was ordered to be reported for third reading.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales will visit St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Tuesday, the 23rd of July, to open the new out-patients' block.

At St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., where an official is constantly in attendance to interrogate applicants for relief who appear to be in comfortable circumstances, it was only found necessary to institute inquiries concerning 8,673 patients, out of over 126,000. Of these 103 could not be found at the addresses given, and 277 were considered to be unsuitable for gratuitous aid. All the others were of the class for whose benefit the hospital is carried on.

A great effort is now being made to raise the sum of £25,000 to provide for the opening of the wards in the Clarence Memorial Wing, and the completion of the improvements to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington. The Clarence Wing is structurally complete, but is unprovided with furniture or equipment, and the wards, therefore, stand empty. Meanwhile patients are being denied admission every day because the beds in the old hospital are all full, and the work of the Institution is carried on under serious disadvantages, as it has for years outgrown its buildings.

We are glad that the vote taken at a special meeting of the Bedford County Hospital, called to reconsider the question of appointing ladies on the Board of Management, resulted by an overwhelming majority in favour of their appointment. Mrs. Alfred Paine and others, who have worked to secure this, are greatly to be congratulated.

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