

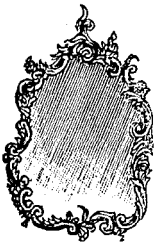
and shelves and bright metal fittings. The convenient operating table, fitted with a hot-water tank, was made by Messrs. Down Bros. The Nurnst lights glow like baby suns, and turn night into day when required for operating purposes.

Altogether, the Royal Arsenal Hospital is a most interesting charge.

Do nurses of the sick know how happy is their lot? Called to do the work which requires the highest intelligence and the warmest heart, they acquire the secret of perpetual youth. I never see them at work without stifling a sigh for what has been. E. G. F.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Princess Henry of Battenberg has consented to open the new wing of the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital at Ryde on the 30th inst. The recent additions to the hospital have cost £5,000.

The King's Hospital Fund has suggested the amalgamation of the Hampstead General Hospital and the North-West London Hospital. The administration of hospitals is now becoming so costly that amalgamation is wise where practicable.

The 75th annual meeting of the British Medical Association is to be held at Exeter from the 30th inst. to August 3rd. The President for 1907-8, Dr. Henry Davy, Physician to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, will be inducted on the opening day of the meeting, and in the evening will deliver his presidential address. The address in medicine will be given on the following afternoon by Dr. W. Hale White, Physician to Guy's Hospital, who will advance "a plea for accuracy of thought in medicine." The address in surgery will be delivered by Mr. H. T. Butlin, Consulting Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on Thursday afternoon, his subject being "On the Contagion of Cancer in Human Beings, Auto-Inoculation."

An International Congress on Housing Reform will meet in the first week of August in London for the first time in Great Britain. The honorary president of the congress will be the Prime Minister. The object of the congress is to consider the best methods of dealing with the housing problem, with the help of the experience of the leading housing reformers from the principal countries of the world.

The subjects to be considered by the Congress include housing inspection, slum improvement,

and slum destruction, house building and management, housing finance and taxation, the land question, town planning and building, by-laws, transit, and rural housing. A special "housing tour" will be arranged to inspect housing schemes in London, Richmond, Sheffield, Liverpool, the village of Bournville (Birmingham), Port Sunlight, the village of Earswick (York), and the Garden City (Letchworth). The organisation of the congress has been undertaken by the National Housing Reform Council, the secretary of the council, Mr. Henry R. Aldridge, acting as secretary to the congress, and a special committee has been organised to give the visitors from other countries a fitting reception.

It is a matter of regret that the Metropolitan Hospital Sunday Fund shows signs of losing its popularity. The receipts this year are the smallest for several years. The organisation of King Edward's Hospital Fund has somewhat interfered with the other fund, and may, to a certain extent, explain the difference. The death of Mr. George Herring deprived the fund of an annual contribution of £10,000 a year.

From Birmingham comes the good news that the Hospital Saturday Fund has broken all records. Up to the present it has received £19,682, as compared with £18,928 for the corresponding period of last year, an increase of £753, and £448 ls. 10d. more than last year's total contributions from factories.

News from the Emerald Isle.

FAREWELL DINNER TO MISS HAMPSON.

A function at which sorrow and happiness met was held on Thursday, the 18th inst., at the Royal Hibernian Hotel, Dawson Street, Dublin, when Miss Hampson, Lady Superintendent of Portobello House, and late Matron of the Rotunda Hospital, was there entertained at dinner by some of her friends of the Irish Nurses' Association.

Amongst those present were: Miss Huxley, Lady Superintendent, Elpis; Mrs. Kildare Treacy, L.S., City of Dublin Institute; Miss MacDonnell, R.R.C., Lady Superintendent, Richmond Hospital; Miss Shuter, L.S., Royal City of Dublin Hospital; Miss Haughton, L.S., Sir P. Dun's Hospital; Miss Butler, L.S., Mercer's Hospital; Mrs. Manning, L.S., Dental Hospital; Miss Horsford, L.S., Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital; Miss Egan, L.S. Coombe Hospital; Miss Carson Rae, L.S., Fever Hospital, Cork Street; Miss Hughes, L.S., Portrane Asylum; Miss Phelan, Miss Wills, Miss Haynes, Miss Agnew, Miss McKendry, Miss Cherry, Miss S. M. Strahan, Miss Laing, Miss Barber, Miss Dunne, Miss Emily Dunne, Miss Powell, Miss Lundy, Miss Kennedy, Mrs. William Taylor, etc., and amongst the visitors Mrs. Arthur Ball, Mrs. Martin, Mrs.

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