

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Mr. C. L. Todd, for so many years the popular Secretary of St. George's Hospital, London, has been presented with a testimonial by the Governors, Staff, Nurses, and servants, "as a mark of their appreciation of his devoted services for more than forty-five years." The testimonial took the form of an album, containing the subscribers' names, a cheque, and a handsome silver inkstand.

It was announced at the festival banquet in connection with Mount Vernon Hospital for Consumption, at the Hotel Cecil, that of the cost of the institution £14,500, last year one-fourth of this sum was expended on food. The milk alone reached £1,000.

The Council of the London School of Medicine for Women, 8, Hunter Street, Brunswick Square, has received from Mrs. Godfrey Walker, of Conisborough Priory, Yorkshire, residuary legatee of the late Mrs. Percy Sladen, a gift of £20,000 in aid of the endowment of the school.

The Poplar Metropolitan Borough Council has adopted the report of the Public Health Committee recommending that registered plumbers only be, as far as practicable, employed on plumbing work executed for the Council or under its regulations. The report set out that the registration of plumbers, after examination, was a guarantee of efficiency, and in view of the fact that defective plumbing work was usually detected only when serious results had ensued, the Public Health Committee was of opinion that the employment of registered plumbers should be decided upon.

Mr. Abel Smith, M.P., has been elected chairman of the committee of Guy's Hospital in the room of the late Mr. Albert Pell.

Countess Brownlow, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of Lincolnshire, has opened, and the Bishop of Lincoln dedicated, a new children's wing which has been erected at the Mablethorpe Convalescent Home. It has been built at a cost of over £2,000, about £400 remaining to be subscribed. The Queen has consented to its being named the Royal Alexandra Wing for Convalescent Children. It will accommodate 20 children.

King Edward's Hospital Fund Bill for London passed its third reading in the House of Commons on Monday, after the Prime Minister had stated that to meet the "very reasonable criticisms made upon the Bill" it was proposed that the Council should have an equal voice with the President in all that concerned the finance of the Fund, and provision had been made for a public audit.

## Echoes of the Conference.

It was inevitable that the representatives of the lay nursing press should find themselves out of touch with the true inspiration of the professional Conference, at Paris, and that upon their return to England they should vent their feelings in print. It was very ill advised to thrust themselves into such a gathering where every word which was spoken naturally went against the grain. If Sir Henry Burdett and Messrs. Macmillan would only realise that the day is past for exploiting the nursing profession under a professional cloak, they would not make themselves ridiculous by assuming for their papers professional status. As commercial speculations their organs must be content to rank, and there is no reason in a free country why they should not augment their incomes by the pence of nurses who are foolish enough to contribute to them.

But these overbearing persons are not content with dictating as to nursing organisation and professional standards, they now arrogate to themselves the right to enforce sumptuary laws for nurses. Miss Isla Stewart, our senior Royal hospital Matron, is actually called to account for daring to wear roses in her hat and lace on her gown! The prediction of one amusing Matron "that after the brilliant success of our Conference we must now go home and learn from the quack nursing press what a huge failure it has been" exactly suits the situation.

## Coming Events.

July 10.—Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll opens the Australasian Exhibition of Women's Work at Rumpelmayer's, St. James's Street.

July 10.—Royal Maternity Charity. Annual Tea of the Nurses, "Eustace Miles" Restaurant, 40, Chandos Street, Charing Cross, 3.30 p.m.

\*July 12.—Annual Meeting, Registered Nurses' Society, at the Office, 431, Oxford Street, 4 p.m. Reception to meet Sister Agnes Karll, President German Nurses' Association, 5 p.m.

July 17.—General Meeting of Members, Midwives' Defence Union, Midwives' Institute, 12, Buckingham Street, Strand, 8 p.m.

July 18.—Woolwich Maternity Hospital, Annual Fête, Town Hall, Woolwich.

July 18 & 19.—Central Midwives' Board. Special Meeting to deal with Penal Cases, 2 p.m.

July 23.—Opening New Outpatients' Department, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, 3.30 p.m.

July 23.—Kent County Nursing Association, Public Meeting, Grand Hotel, Trafalgar Square.

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