

quired by the patients while in hospital. Everyone will agree that a plentiful supply of linen, with enough blankets and good mattresses, is necessary for the comfort and well-being of the hospital patient, warm shirts to wear in bed, thick dressing gowns and rugs to put over the knees when allowed to get up, these needs appeal to everyone. All these things cost a good deal of money, but "many a mickle makes a muckle," and the smallest contribution (even a duster) will be most thankfully received. Like other hospitals, Sir Patrick Dun's suffers from want of funds for all its needs, and the aim of the "Linen Guild" is to relieve the Hospital of the expense of the upkeep of the beds and bedding. Reliable weather prophets give us a good forecast for June 26th and 27th, and as those who know them can testify, Lord Iveagh's grounds are an ideal spot in which to spend a summer afternoon and evening.

The King Edward the Seventh Hospital, Windsor.

On Monday last the King laid the commemoration stone of a new hospital and dispensary for Windsor and the district, which will replace the present infirmary, which is in no way worthy of the Royal Borough. The movement for the new hospital, which will cost not less than £20,000, was started by Sir William Shipley during his three years' Mayoralty, and towards this sum upwards of £12,000 has been subscribed.

Prince Christian, the President of the Hospital, arrived early with Princess Christian and Princess Victoria of Schleswig-Holstein. Later came the Prince and Princess of Wales, who were received with a Royal salute, and at 11.35 the King and Queen, with Princess Victoria, arrived from the Castle to the strains of the National Anthem, the troops presenting arms.

After Prince Christian had read an address of welcome to their Majesties, the King replied, and expressed the special pleasure which it gave him to place the commemoration stone of the new hospital, saying that he took a deep interest in all hospitals, and especially in the institution which serves the need of a district lying at his own gates. His Majesty pointed out that hospitals are not less needed in many country districts than in great cities, and that medical and surgical attendance is often harder to obtain in such districts than in a city.

The King then laid the commemoration stone with a silver gilt trowel, having a Siberian marble handle, surmounted by a crown.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has fixed Friday, July 10th, for the presentation at Marlborough House of the medals and diplomas of honour for acts of gallantry in saving, or attempting to save, life on land at imminent personal risk, awarded by the Chapter-General of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England. His Royal Highness afterwards presents the service medal to members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

The Royal Sanitary Institute has issued the preliminary programme of its twenty-fourth Congress, which opens under the presidency of the Earl of Plymouth at Cardiff on the 13th of next month, and lasts till the 18th. The Congress will include general addresses and lectures, and there will be sectional meetings for two days each, dealing with Sanitary Science and Preventive Medicine and Engineering and Architecture.

Lord Balfour of Burleigh presided over the annual meeting of the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium at Davos, and stated that by the end of the autumn of 1909 it would be open and in a position to do good work.

Mr. Watt, M.P., who, during the present Parliament, has taken a deep interest in questions relating to public health, intends to pursue the matter of the Ruchill Hospital inquiry further. He has given notice of his intention to ask the Secretary for Scotland how the local authority has dealt with the officials found by the Commissioners of the Local Government Board to be responsible—viz., the medical superintendent, the medical officer of health, and the matron.

The use of the telephone has considerably increased the expenses of hospitals. We are informed by more than one secretary that a man and a messenger are kept constantly at work at this distracting instrument, and the very greatest care is necessary that mistakes are not made over the wire.

Mr. Henry Phipps, the American Steel King, has given £100,000 to found an institution for the treatment of mental diseases.

The American community in Paris are now to have their own hospital at No. 55, Boulevard du Chateau Neuilly. The cost of the building and land has already been provided, but further subscriptions to serve as an endowment are needed. Needless to say, the hospital will be constructed on the most approved hygienic principles.

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