

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The London Hospital authorities have received an intimation from Dr. Tyrnauer, the physician who attends the King at Karlsbad, that Princess Hatzfeldt has expressed her intention to present to that institution a full set of hot air apparatus, such as is used in the baths-houses of Karlsbad and many French and German invalid resorts. The offer has been gratefully accepted by the Board of Governors, and, in a short while, sufferers from rheumatism and gout in the East End will be enabled to have similar treatment to that undergone by those fortunate enough to be able to take the expensive "cure" abroad.

The admissions to the fever hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board recently have averaged nearly 120 a day. There are now upwards of 4,190 patients under treatment. Seventy-five per cent. of the present total represents cases of scarlet fever.

The Board of Management of the Manchester Royal Eye Hospital has received an intimation from Mr. Edwin Reid, the trustee of the Manassah Gledhill Trust, that he will give a donation of £2,000 to the funds of the hospital, on condition that two additional beds (in addition to one previously endowed) are called the Manassah Gledhill beds. The Board has gratefully accepted the condition, and has sent its cordial thanks to Mr. Reid.

The housing of the people in dwellings which will not in a few years degenerate into "slum" property is a question that is receiving increased attention in different parts of the country. On Saturday Sir Oliver Lodge opened at Wolverhampton an interesting model housing exhibition, the object of which is to "encourage the building of well-designed, economical, and durable houses, suitable for erection in the suburbs of towns in the Midlands, and to provide architects and builders with an opportunity of showing the best methods of construction in a definite and practical way; to demonstrate the advantages of more systematic development of new building areas in the suburbs of large towns; and to provide examples of the best furniture for workmen's homes, and of the best building materials suitable for improving the construction and conveniences of small houses."

A movement is on foot to establish in Birmingham a Women's Hospital League, whose primary object shall be to assist the Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women at Sparkhill, and, when that institution has been placed upon a satisfac-

tory financial basis, to render help, if possible, to the other hospitals of the city. The scheme is an attractive one, which should commend itself to the women of Birmingham.

We hope at the same time that women will include a demand for representation on the weekly boards of every hospital they help to finance. To act as a milch cow only in these days is not a very dignified part for our sex to play towards the management of institutions where a knowledge of domestic management is of the first importance.

The President of the Rochdale Infirmary has just received from Mrs. Heap a cheque for £1,000 to endow a "Heap bed" at the infirmary "in memory of her husband, Joshua Heap, and of her son, Ernest." The late Mr. Heap was a flannel manufacturer, and occupied a seat on the Rochdale Town Council.

About a year ago the directors of Glasgow Royal Hospital for Sick Children issued an appeal for £100,000 to purchase a site and re-build the hospital, and to extend the existing branch in the country, this having been rendered necessary by the fact that the premises in Garnethill, which had been converted into an hospital with 74 beds a quarter of a century ago, were utterly inadequate to meet the increasing and urgent demands for admission, and that the existing hospital in many essential respects fell far short of modern requirements, and did not admit of extension.

When the rebuilding fund amounted to £50,000 the directors, feeling sure that the people of Glasgow and West of Scotland would see the scheme through, acquired about ten acres of the best and highest parts of the lands of Yorkhill, and here they propose to proceed with the erection of the new hospital at once. Glasgow has thus the prospect of having a Children's Hospital worthy of the city. £68,000 has been promised, but fully £100,000 will be required to complete a hospital containing 200 beds, leaving ample room for extension.

THE NURSES' INSTEP SUPPORT SHOE.

Mercifully the day has gone by when the long hours of standing when on duty in hospital wards resulted in permanent injury to the feet of nurses, and when very little notice was taken of "flat feet." Shoes are now fashioned to support the instep, and nurses are themselves largely to blame if they wear injurious shoes. One of the most skilful caretakers of the feet is Mr. Thomas Stevenson, who, as a skilled chiropodist, has had brought under his notice the deformity of feet owing to ill-constructed shoes. He has, therefore, designed various shoes to prevent injury, and the Nurse's Instep Support Shoe has proved a marked success. It can be obtained by a visit to 10, Oxford House, Oxford Street, situated over the Tottenham Court Road Tube Station. The pernicious pain of corns can be relieved for the nominal charge of 1s. per visit, inclusive of both feet.

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