

## Reflections.

### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

At the quarterly General Court of the London Hospital, E., last week, the Committee of Management announced that Princess Hatzfeldt has kindly given a complete set of Dr. Tyrnauer's hot-air baths for the treatment of rheumatism, sciatica, gout, etc. Dr. Tyrnauer had himself spent several days in instructing the nurses and explaining to the staff the methods of administering the treatment. In view of the fact that no private interests would be affected, the committee decided to take in paying patients, many applications having already been received.

The work of rebuilding the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, W., which had done such excellent work under disadvantageous conditions, is to be commenced in March, 1909, and it is hoped that by the end of the New Year the new and thoroughly up-to-date hospital, which is so urgently needed, will be ready for the reception of patients. Six thousand pounds is still required to complete the balance of the fund now being raised with this object, and contributions will be thankfully received by the Secretary.

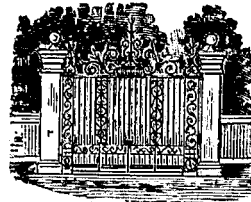
In reply to a question from Dr. Rees in the House of Commons last week, Mr. Buchanan, Under Secretary for India, stated that malarial fever has been exceptionally prevalent in the United Provinces and the Punjab, and to a less extent in Bombay, and has affected both the European and Indian population. The epidemic began in October last, and is now reported to be rapidly declining. To combat the disease quinine has been largely distributed free of charge, travelling dispensaries have been established, and in places much attention has been paid to the destruction of mosquitoes. The causation of the disease is under investigation by a specially trained medical staff.

Lyndhurst, in the centre of the New Forest, has been provided with a cottage hospital, which is to be available for residents within a certain radius. For the purpose of the institution Mr. G. J. Fenwick gave £6,000. From this sum the building has been erected and furnished, and surgically and otherwise equipped, and there remains an amount which, when invested, will provide an endowment of £100 a year. Ten beds will be available, and the annual expenses are estimated at £400. Towards this it is believed £230 will be forthcoming, and it is hoped that the balance will be assured by New Year's day, when it is intended to open the institution.

After prolonged and exhaustive examination by the experts appointed by the Superior Jury of the Franco-British Exhibition, the disinfectant fluids of Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds Co., Ltd., have been awarded the Diploma of Honour and a Gold Medal.

## Outside the Gates.

### WOMEN.



Lord Robert Cecil, K.C., M.P., spoke with irresistible logic on Woman Suffrage at a meeting of the Marylebone Constitutional Union, presided over last week by Lord Middleton. He said that the question was a very important one, and he had approached it from quite a moderate point of view, not from that of what the women were going to get out of it, nor from that of the right to vote. The question was whether it was good for the State. That was the point of view they had to consider, the fact that they had a large body of citizens, who, apart from sex, were fully qualified both by education and property to exercise the franchise. The only question was whether sex was a disability, first, because political struggles would be harmful to women, and, secondly, because women would be degraded by coming into the political arena. Women were at present largely engaged in political work and the mere operation of voting would mean nothing objectionable. As to their fitness for affairs there was one illustration, as queens. The queens had been, on the whole, as successful as the kings, and had demonstrated woman's fitness for exercising political judgment.

Sir William Church, presiding at the annual dinner of the Royal Society of Medicine last week, said that among their guests that evening was the only woman who had been elected to fill the ancient, honourable, and important office of mayor. Mrs. Garrett Anderson had set an example which all those of her sex who entered their profession must desire to follow. Now that she had retired from active service she had placed her abilities, experience, and judgment at the service of her fellow-citizens.

There are many women workers who have wrestled for long with the problem of finding house-room and attendance which they can afford within easy distance of London who will welcome the announcement that the Improved Industrial Dwellings Company is now erecting on the Hampstead Garden Suburb, within five minutes of Golders' Green Station, flats for ladies who are engaged in earning their own living. Most women workers know the weary hunt for rooms which are not sordid, for a sum which they can afford on their modest incomes, and the perfunctory attendance provided by the average landlady. The rents of the flats at Hampstead will be about £1 16s. a month for sitting-room, bedroom, scullery, bathroom, and sanitary conveniences, or with two bedrooms, £2 10s. An additional 2s. 6d. a week will secure attendance, and there is further a common sitting-room and a dining hall, where meals can be provided for

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