

## Reflections.

### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Prince of Wales has, during the past week, paid surprise visits to St. Mary's, St. Bartholomew's, St. George's, and the Great Northern Hospitals, and expressed his pleasure and satisfaction with their condition.

The Princess of Wales, accompanied by a Lady-in-Waiting, paid a visit to Claremont Hall, Pentonville, the Central Mission of the London Congregational Union, last week, and made an inspection of the various departments. Her Royal Highness made several purchases of basket work made by the blind.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has consented to become an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons. This announcement having been made at a meeting of the Council of the College, the votes of the Council were taken, in accordance with the requirements of the Charter, and the President (Mr. Henry Morris) declared His Royal Highness to be duly and unanimously elected an Honorary Fellow of the College. The Hon. Fellowship of the College was conferred upon his Royal Highness on Monday last.

Viscount Clifden, Deputy-Chairman of the Committee of the Mount Vernon Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, will preside at a festival dinner to be held in aid of the funds of the hospital on May 13th.

The Lord Mayor has consented to open the new Pathological Block of St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Friday, May 7th, at three o'clock.

At the annual meeting of St. Mark's Hospital for Fistula, City Road, it was reported that during the past year the income had been £813 less than the expenditure, that the nursing accommodation had been increased, and the private wards closed, so now the hospital was wholly free. Much more support was needed for the charity—an excellently managed one, relieving very painful diseases.

The long expected Report of the Royal Commission on Poor Laws and Relief of Distress has been presented to Parliament and issued to the public. The Report is of a very voluminous character, being over 4 in. in thickness.

Mr. J. T. Helby, Chairman of the Metropolitan Asylums' Board, referring to the fact that the Children's Infirmary, Carshalton, appeared for the first time in the returns of patients, said that the order from the Local Government Board, authorising the Metropolitan Asylums' Board to take under their care the sick and convalescent children from the Poor Law Infirmarys in the Metropolis was received on September 12th, during

the summer vacation. The hospital was equipped, staffed, and ready for occupation by January 20th, and patients were admitted on January 29th. At the present time there were 200 children in residence there, which was a record for the Metropolitan Asylums' Board. It was, as a rule, inexpedient to single out individual managers for special recognition, but he thought the Board might on this occasion express its indebtedness to the Chairman of the Children's Committee and those who had so ably assisted him for all the hard work which had had so excellent a result. He hoped later on that instruction might be provided for the children under treatment in the Infirmary.

The Annual Meeting of the Ladies' Guild, President, The Countess Cawdor, will be held at the London Homeopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, on Thursday, February 25th, at 3.30 p.m.

The Manchester, Salford, and District Branch of the National Union of Women Workers, representing some sixty-nine societies in Lancashire, has addressed a letter to the Chairman of the Board of the Manchester Royal Infirmary urging the Board to provide suitable accommodation for women resident medical officers in the institution. The letter is signed Agnes M. Johnson, President; Jane Redford, Treasurer; Ethel M. Carpenter, Vice-President Junior Division; Amelia T. Hertz, Training Home, Didsbury; E. W. Sidebottom, Stowe Street Girl's Club; Olga Hertz, Women Guardians and Local Government Association; Jessie A. Potter, Servants' Home, Chorlton-on-Medlock; Mary Zimmern, Gentlewomen's Employment Association.

Captain Walter Carey has been appointed Honorary Secretary of the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.

Mrs. Burns, M.B., of High Wycombe (until recently Medical Officer of Wycombe Abbey School), has been appointed by the Durham County Council as School Medical Officer.

A Lemco Thermos Flask, which keeps hot liquids steaming hot in the iciest weather, and cold liquids icy cold in the hottest weather, is a possession to be coveted. The ordinary price is one guinea, but it may be obtained gratis by sending to Lemco, 4, Lloyd's Avenue, London, E.C., before December 31st, 1909, weight coupons to be found under the capsule of each jar, representing 7 lbs. of Lemco. Nurses should note this.

### BRITISH MEDICAL ASSOCIATION AND REGISTRATION.

The *British Medical Journal* has in the issue of February 13th devoted six and a half columns of space to a concise statement of facts connected with the History, Progress, and Present Position of the Movement for State Registration of Trained Nurses. We should advise our readers to procure this number and study the article.

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