

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll has accepted the office of President of the Central London Throat and Ear Hospital, Gray's Inn Road.

The Hon. Whitelaw Reid, Ambassador of the United States, will preside at a festival dinner to be held at the Hotel Cecil on the 9th of June in aid of the funds of the London Fever Hospital.

Over 8,000 fatal cases of consumption occur in London annually, and the good work done by the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, which began work sixty-one years ago in Liverpool Street, and now stands in the heart of the East End of London, was warmly supported by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs at the festival dinner last week. Since its foundation the hospital has admitted no fewer than 41,045 in-patients, and 752,891 out-patients have been treated. The hospital is open to all creeds and nationalities, and is very extensively used not only by those in the Metropolis but also by patients from the country. The heavy expense of the treatment is met entirely by voluntary contributions.

The Lord Mayor, who will be accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs, will lay the Memorial Stone of the new Sir Henry Tyler Extension of the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C., on June 30th. Donations towards the £2,500 required for furnishing the new wing may be sent to the Secretary at the Hospital.

By the kind permission of Mary Countess of Ilchester a concert in aid of the Chelsea Hospital for Women will be held in the Garden Ball-Room at Holland House, Kensington, on Friday, June 11th, at 3 p.m.

In place of the annual Congresses of the Royal Sanitary Institute and the Royal Institute of Public Health, a combined Health Congress will be held this year at Leeds, from July 17th to 24th, under the auspices of the Leeds Corporation and the Leeds University, with the co-operation of the two institutes named.

The new annexe to the Nurses' Home at the Royal Surrey County Hospital was opened recently by Lady Victoria Fisher-Rowe. The finished building has a most attractive appearance, being constructed of Brockham bricks with red brick projecting pilasters. The bed-rooms and bath-rooms are charmingly arranged, and should add much to the comfort and happiness of the nursing staff.

After all the controversy on the subject, the old Royal Infirmary at Manchester is to be demolished. Stately and begrimed, around it cluster many interesting memories. It has served its time, and inexorable evolution demands its demolition.

Cross Infection at Ruchill Hospital.

The usual meeting of Maryhill Ward Committee was held on Monday in the Burgh Hall, Glasgow—Mr. W. P. M. Black in the chair. Mr. Hart called attention to a number of cross-infection cases at Ruchill Hospital. His own boy had gone in with diphtheria and had contracted scarlet fever when convalescent, and from the frequency of the cases he thought something was wrong. It was unanimously agreed to call the attention of the Health Committee to the matter.

New Preparations, Inventions, etc.

SEPTOFORMA.

Our attention has recently been drawn to this preparation of Formaldehyde, and at our request a well-known Hospital Surgeon has been good enough to test its usefulness, and to report to us upon it. He considers it in several ways a valuable disinfectant, because it is non-poisonous, not irritating, and not injurious to the skin. It also is a good disinfectant of instruments and rubber gloves without injuring these, as so many other disinfectants do. He has used it in solutions of 5 per cent. for these purposes, and specially notes that the odour is not unpleasant, and it is therefore an improvement on the stronger coal-tar preparations, which often cause a somewhat persistent smell, to which many patients object. It is evident, therefore, that Septoforma possesses very valuable disinfectant properties, and we feel that we can confidently recommend it to the notice of trained nurses, who will agree with us that, being non-poisonous, is not the least of its practical advantages, especially for household use. The preparation can be obtained not only as a liquid, but also as a soap, from any chemist or from the Medical Supply Association.

FLAVOURED SANATOGEN.

Many nurses are already aware of the tonic properties of Sanatogen, supplied by the Sanatogen Company, 12, Chenies Street, W.C., and not a few rely upon its recuperative properties when they get below par, as they know by experience that it is an excellent pick-me-up.

When it is prescribed for their patients, however, they are sometimes confronted with the objection that it is tasteless, and have had some difficulty in getting invalids to take it in consequence. This difficulty has now been overcome, as the Sanatogen Company has placed upon the market a flavoured form of this excellent preparation. The price is the same as that of the original preparation, 5s. per tin, and the flavour is so dainty and palatable that there should be no difficulty in getting either children or adults to take it readily. It is manufactured at the new works of the Company near Penzance, which have been specially built for them in this beautiful, healthy part of the Cornish Riviera.

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