

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King, when recently laying the foundation stone of the new King's College Hospital at Denmark Hill, commended the decision of the Committee in removing the institution to a poorer and more populous district, and congratulated the medical and nursing staff on the great opportunity thus afforded them for increased usefulness.

Mr. H. A. Bullard, of Norwich, has been appointed Chairman of the Annual Representative Meeting of the British Medical Association next year.

Mr. Ernest Frederick Schiff, of Carlos Place and Warnford Court, has, through Mr. Mayo Robson, presented to the Managing Committee of the Home of Recovery, of which Her Royal Highness Princess Louise is President and the Earl of Lytton is Chairman, the welcome gift of £100,000 to purchase and endow a home, to be known as the Schiff Home of Recovery, in memory of his brother, Mr. Alfred G. Schiff. Part of this sum has been expended upon the purchase of a charming and suitable property at Oxshott, near Claremont, Surrey, to which the patients will be conveyed by motor ambulance straight from their beds in the hospitals. The remainder will be added to the funds already in the hands of the Committee, and will serve as a permanent endowment of the Home.

Miss Ivy E. Woodward, M.D., London, having passed the required examinations, has been admitted a member of the Royal College of Physicians. This is the first female student admitted to the membership of the College. Miss Woodward was educated at the London School of Medicine for Women, which institution is in connection with the Royal Free Hospital, where Miss Woodward has held the posts of Clinical Assistant, House Physician, and Assistant Clinical Pathologist. She is also Clinical Assistant at both the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest and the New Hospital for Women.

Ballincoona, "The House of Help" (Caher Daniel), reports the result of seven months' working in far-off Kerry. The hospital is not yet in existence, but it is growing. The property at West Cove, in south-west Kerry, was acquired in June, 1908, in a breezy situation facing the sea. Work began at the end of July. There is perhaps a touch of the Green Isle in publishing a report of a hospital which does not exist. £2,620 have been spent as follows:—"Our first work has been the preparation of the ground and the necessary out-buildings. We have fenced the property of the hospital. We have drained four acres of bog, so that where a year ago you sank knee deep in water you now walk dry foot on a ploughed field. We have planted 5,000 trees for shelter, and have something short of two acres under crops, the remainder of the reclaimed land being in meadow. A road to the top of the hill which forms the hospital site has been made and embanked. A well, 20 feet

deep, has been dug. A shelter for the men, a storehouse, a workshop, fowl-house, piggery, and shelter for cattle has been put up. The gardener's cottage is built also. Finally, the hospital site has been cleared and levelled, the ground laid out, and the foundations will shortly reach ground level. We have now on the ground the whole of the materials for building. We are working without either architect or contractor. Our farm stock consists of three young cattle, two pigs, a cow, a cock, ten hens and some chickens, and a hive of bees." In Kerry they seem to understand the necessity of putting the horse before the cart. The hospital was sufficiently progressive to send a most acceptable representative—the Hon. Albnia Brodrick, who is her own architect, and many other things besides—to the International Congress of Nurses.

The American Medical Association, representing the whole profession in the United States, took an important action upon the question of venereal disease and moral prophylaxis at its recent meeting at Atlantic City. Recognising the need of propaganda, it appointed all its women members as a special committee to bring the subject of proper teaching in sex matters and moral hygiene before all possible bodies of women—women's clubs, bodies of teachers, and organisations of women of every kind. The members of the American Medical Association declared its inability to cope with this problem without the aid of the women physicians and of the mothers of the land.

International Congress of Nurses and Nursing Exhibition.

The trade exhibits at the Nursing Exhibition, held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, included an artistic and up-to-date display by Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome and Co. "Tabloid" First-Aid Equipments, with the well-known "Tabloid" Compressed Bandages and Dressings originated by this firm, were prominently displayed. "Soloid" Antiseptics can be carried safely in the pocket or bag, and are far preferable in nursing practice to fluid antiseptics, as neither loss nor damage follows breaking the bottle.

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We were sorry to find how many amongst our foreign friends and readers were unaware of the excellence of the preparations of Messrs. Burroughs, Wellcome, and Co., and we were glad, therefore, to call their special attention to this exhibit.

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