

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

We understand that his Majesty the King has signified his pleasure that the Liverpool Children's Hospital should henceforth be known as the Royal Liverpool Country Hospital for Children.

The Hospital for Women, Soho Square, is being rebuilt in the most up-to-date manner, and of course the Committee must have ample funds to carry out the necessary reorganisation. It is proposed, therefore, to hold a grand Bazaar and Entertainment in the new buildings of the Hospital on May 24th and 25th. £4,500 is urgently needed to enable the Committee to claim the handsome conditional gift of £3,000, of King Edward's Hospital Fund. Many rich and influential women will arrange stalls. The miscellaneous stall will be undertaken by the Nursing Staff of the Hospital, who will be pleased to receive gifts to decorate it. The Earl of Shaftesbury, K.C.V.O., the President of the Hospital, will sing at a grand afternoon concert, and as he has a lovely and cultivated tenor voice, he should be an immense draw. Miss Lena Ashwell (the charming wife of a member of the medical staff) will recite. Mr. Alfred Hayward, the Secretary of the Hospital, will gladly give information as to this function, which promises to be one of the most important of the coming season.

A well deserved stroke of luck has this week befallen the hospital. It is announced that Mrs. C. A. Savage, of Tooting, has left to it the residue of her estate, which will probably amount to about £10,000.

The different County Councils and Urban District Councils throughout England are now considering the question of sending up delegates and representatives to the Nursing and Midwifery Conference and Exhibition to be held at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, in April. The Bucks County Council have formally appointed Miss Elizabeth Mackenzie (Inspector of Midwives for Bucks), and the Heston and Isleworth Urban District Council have appointed Councillor J. J. Barnett, and Dr. G. F. Buchan (Medical Officer of Health) to attend the Exhibition and Conference.

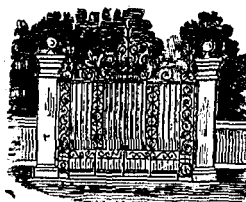
The District Nurses' Exhibition will be a section apart, and will comprise exhibits amongst others from the Nurses' Social Union, and the Q.V.J.I. A special feature is being made this year of the Model Nursery by Messrs. E. and R. Garrould.

The president of the Royal Halifax Infirmary (Mr. J. Selwyn Rawson) has received the handsome donation of £5,000 from Mrs. Wood, of Liverpool, a daughter of the late Mr. H. C. McCrea, formerly Mayor of Halifax. The donation is made subject to Ward No. 6 being named the "McCrea Ward." The whole of the wards are now named in accordance with the wishes of the donors.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.

Mrs. Philip Snowden last Sunday delivered the first of a series of addresses that are to be given every Sunday afternoon for the next month or two at the King's Weigh House Church, Duke Street,



Grosvenor Square.

Taking as the title of her discourse "Following the Gleam," which she based on Tennyson's poem, Mrs. Snowden said there were in this country ninety thousand houses licensed to sell intoxicating poison, and women were to be seen in a state of drunkenness in our public streets. She had been travelling in America, and America had an enormous drink bill, yet in the whole of her experience there she never saw a drunken woman or a woman in a drinking saloon.

At the annual general meeting of the trustees of the Manchester Royal Infirmary, to be held at the Town Hall on the 11th inst, after this journal has gone to press, the Chairman will move the following resolution:—"That it is not desirable to appoint women to resident medical and surgical posts at the Manchester Royal Infirmary."

Women nurses already perform the most intimate offices for male patients, and it is futile to suggest that women doctors cannot do the same. The question at issue, however much it may be obscured, really is whether women practitioners of medicine are to have the same educational advantages as the other sex. This has been in effect pointed out to the Board of the Royal Infirmary by the Convocation of Manchester University, and we presume that the above resolution means that the Board is still obdurate.

Fräulein Margaret Dittmer, who was appointed on the Berlin police staff in October, 1908, has had no fewer than 604 cases to deal with during her first year of service. Her work, according to the *Daily Express*, consists in acting as the guardian of youthful delinquents, waifs, and children who are ill-treated by their parents. The former are committed to her charge to deal with as she thinks fit, either to place them in reformatories or to restore them to their parents after she has investigated the circumstances.

Waifs are placed in orphanages, and in cases of parental cruelty which have been proved in court it is Fräulein Dittmer's duty to visit the homes at irregular intervals to prevent the offence being repeated. Of the 165 school boys and girls who ran away from their homes in the provinces to Berlin last year, the majority, says Fräulein Dittmer, came to the capital to view the imperial palace.

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