

The parents of Crewe are indignant that the Health Committee of the Town Council of Crewe have prohibited them from seeing their children when admitted into the Isolation Hospital, and recently some 200 or 300 were only prevented by the police from forcing their way into the institution. Formerly they were allowed to see the children through the windows, but it is considered that the excitement so caused is detrimental to the little patients. Naturally parents whose children are removed from their care, when suffering from scarlet fever and diphtheria, are anxious to satisfy themselves as to their condition, by personal inspection, and it is desirable that they should be permitted to do so, through a window or glass screen, without the knowledge of the children. At Crewe an appeal, by a deputation, to the Chairman of the Health Committee had no effect, and an indignation meeting was subsequently held outside the walls of the hospital, at which it was decided to petition the Local Government Board and Town Council to rescind their order.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Heywood, of Holly Mount, Edgerton, the nurses of the Huddersfield Infirmary have now a Home which is worthy of the institution, and which will add greatly to their comfort. The Home, which is known as the "Ernest E. Heywood Memorial Nurses' Home," is given by the donors as a memorial to their son. It was last week opened in the presence of a large number of friends of the institution by Mrs. Heywood, and after Mr. Heywood had presented the title deeds to Mr. John Sykes, President of the Infirmary, and Mrs. Joseph Crowther, on behalf of the Matron and nurses, had expressed their thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Heywood for their generous gift, and had presented Mrs. Heywood with a gold watch bracelet, the gift of the Infirmary Board and the contractors, tea was served in the new Home on the hospitable invitation of Mrs. Heywood.

Gen. Sir Neville Lyttelton, K.C.B., presided at the annual meeting of the Convalescent Home, Stillorgan, Dublin, last week, and spent some time previously in inspecting it under the guidance of the Matron, Miss Nora Cunningham, and the Secretary, Mr. J. Godwin Ramadge. It is high testimony to the good work done by the Home that since its foundation in 1862 nearly 34,000 convalescents have been admitted, the Chairman explained that when patients left the hospitals the Home stepped in, and did its best to carry them to a condition of complete recovery, and he was glad to say that the efforts in that respect were generally successful.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

At a joint meeting of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons, last week, it was announced that as the result of a competition Mr. A. N. Prentice had been appointed architect for the new Examination Hall to be erected in Queen Square, Bloomsbury.

Owing to the diminution of infectious disease in the Metropolis, the Metropolitan Asylums Board has decided that no more cases are to be sent to the Park Hospital, Hither Green, until further orders, which means that it will be closed for the present.

The trustees of the Barnato Memorial bequest have approved of plans for the erection of a hospital for the treatment of cancer patients, and for cancer research, in connection with the Cancer Charity of the Middlesex Hospital. About £200,000 is to be invested for the endowment of the new hospital, leaving between £50,000 and £60,000 for building and equipment. It is hoped that it will be finished in two years time.

At the annual general meeting of the Poplar Hospital for Accidents much regret was expressed at the decision of the Hon. Sydney Holland to retire from the acting Chairmanship of the Hospital, a position he had held for eighteen years. With Mr. Holland's concurrence, and on the understanding that he would not be able to give so much time to the management, the Governors again elected him Chairman of the institution.

Lord Shaftesbury has been appointed President of the Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney, in succession to the late Lord Amherst, of Hackney.

Mr. Gordon Martyr, who has for five years been in the Secretary's Office at St. Mary's Hospital, London, has been appointed Secretary of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Bournemouth. There were 164 candidates for the post.

The Governors of the Staffordshire General Infirmary have decided to sell the portrait by Gainsborough of Mr. John Eld, one of the founders of the institution. The portrait was painted about 1770, and has been hanging in the Board Room for 140 years. The Infirmary is short of funds, and the Governors feel that it will be in the best interests of the institution if the picture can be sold for a substantial sum.

The Royal Berks Hospital at Reading has just received a "windfall," and it is stated that Guy's Hospital will also benefit under the will of an old lady who lived in a Paris slum. She was thought to be extremely poor; but, on her death recently, the authorities found a considerable sum of money hidden with various documents respecting property, some valuable securities, and a quantity of jewellery. Her will, also found, clearly mentioned the hospitals which she wished to benefit.

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