

## Reflections.

### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

It has been decided that the memorial of the Jews of London to the late King shall take the form of a hospital, where Jewish-speaking doctors and nurses shall attend the patients. A site has been secured in Stepney Green. The cost of the Hospital, including equipment, will be between £15,000 and £20,000. The site has been bought for £5,000. The hospital will be fitted with 50 beds.

The Jews are a very sensitive people, and we were incidentally informed quite recently by an East-End Jew that he would not let his wife go into the nearest hospital because if she was an interesting case he was afraid of her disease being discussed in the newspapers. He strongly deprecated the advertising of the hospital through such methods. "Elephant men" and "brittle men" and the publicity given to abnormal diseases, horrified the Jewish sense of decency. When they had a hospital of their own the patients' suffering should be kept private.

The King and Queen have granted their patronage to the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, E.

The Council of the Hospital Saturday Fund state that the income of the Fund to the 10th inst. had amounted to £15,082 15s. 10d., being an increase upon last year of £2,080 16s. 3d. A new Committee has been formed for Kensington. The arrangements are now practically completed for the Annual Special Collection, fixed for October 15th.

Forty-three men's and 131 women's detachments, representing 1,442 men and 3,944 women, have so far been registered by the War Office in connection with the Territorial Nursing scheme of the British Red Cross Society. There are between 400 and 500 detachments waiting to be registered.

Lady Mond has forwarded £479 to the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, Westminster, as part proceeds of the matinée at His Majesty's Theatre on July 15th last in aid of the hospital and the Royal Waterloo Hospital.

Last week saw the opening of the new Centenary Wing of the West of England Eye Infirmary at Exeter by the Lord Lieutenant of Devon, Earl Fortescue in the presence of a large number of supporters and friends of the institution. This completes the original scheme for providing an adequate and very beautiful hospital for the treatment of diseases of the eye, and in replying to a vote of thanks Lord Fortescue referred to the devoted work of those who had helped to build it—not omitting the name of the late Matron, Miss Kininmont, to whose wonderful energy and ability much of the success of the work is due.

## The British Hospitals Association.

The conference of the British Hospitals Association will be held in the University Buildings, Glasgow, on the last two days of September. The objects of the Association are to facilitate the consideration and discussion of matters connected with hospital management, and, where advisable, to take measures to further the decisions arrived at and to afford opportunities for the acquisition of a knowledge of hospital administration, both lay and medical. The Lord Provost will welcome the members to the city. Papers will be discussed in the first session on "The majority point of view on the Poor Law as regards general and special hospitals," by Mr. Charles Stewart Loch, B.A., Secretary to the Council of the London Charity Organisation Society, and on "The Abuse of the Hospital and its Cure," by Mr. A. Scott Finnie, Treasurer of the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary. On the second day Mrs. Sidney Webb will read a paper on "A Unified County Medical Service and how it will Affect the Voluntary Hospital," and Dr. Nathan Raw, Visiting Medical Superintendent of Mill Road Infirmary, Liverpool, will deal with "The Institutional Treatment of Tuberculosis." Three other subjects are suggested for discussion:— "What are the Best Ambulance Arrangements for Hospitals? Is the Motor Ambulance Quite Reliable?" "Should General Hospitals Admit Private Patients, and, if so, what Arrangements should be Made for Them?" and "Should Private Rooms be Provided in Fever Hospitals for Patients who are Prepared to Pay for Them? Can they be Attended by Their own Medical Man?" Mr. H. Cosmo Bonsor, Treasurer of Guy's Hospital, London, is President of the Association, and Dr. D. I. Mackintosh, of the Western Infirmary, is acting as Local Hon. Secretary. The programme is illustrated by views of the University, the City Chambers, the Royal, Western, and Victoria Infirmaries, the Cancer Hospital, and the Maternity Hospital.

## Milk Supply.

The National League for Physical Education and Improvement, the chief object of which is to stimulate public interest in the physical condition of the people, has done an excellent bit of practical work in forming a Milk Committee, which committee has issued three leaflets containing (a) instructions to farmers and other milk producers, (b) to distributors and retailers of milk, and (c) to housewives and all consumers of milk. We hope these leaflets will be issued in millions.

Many cowsheds are kept in a filthy and most insanitary condition—it is costly to keep them clean—both in labour and bedding. Poor farmers are therefore great offenders in this connection, and the advice which it is recommended should be hung up in every cowshed.

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