

They must not be like the foolish virgins, although in these days virgins were no longer foolish, even they had taken matters into their own hands. If they had a reverse they should remember that a tumble might do them a world of good. Whatever happened they must never say die, but remember it is "dogged as does it." Many a man had given up when he was close to the winning post, though he did not know it. The personal qualities of kindness, sympathy, and magnanimity were important, and honest hard work, based on an intelligent estimate of circumstances would carry them far. Their work would be congenial and they were fighting with weapons which were constantly becoming more efficient. Some men thought that if only they could have a good start they would do great things, but most great men had started at the foot of the ladder and climbed it laboriously. The speaker said that medicine had been entirely recast in the last 30 years, and no longer consisted in prescribing a series of drugs supposed to be beneficial in the hope that one of them would hit the mark. Now medicine was a department of biology, and no one could doubt that the destructive diseases would eventually be wiped out. Speaking of scientific research and its possibilities, the Professor gave his hearers as a good working axiom the advice of John Hunter, "Don't think, go and see."

A vote of thanks to Professor Howard Marsh, proposed by Dr. Hale White, and seconded by Mr. Symonds, Senior Surgeon to the hospital, concluded the proceedings, after which refreshments were hospitably served in the colonnade quadrangles, and on the terrace in the Park, after which many of the guests visited the wards and other parts of the building thrown open for inspection. The new Out-patient Department came in for much admiration, and its spacious hall and convenient arrangements must add greatly to the smooth working of the hospital. The walls, lined with green and white tiles, were very harmonious.

The tessellated floors of some of the wards were especially worthy of note, and the colouring was delicate and beautiful, especially in one case where pink and blue predominated. The wards themselves, needless to say, looked as inviting, fresh, and restful as only hospital wards can look when under the management of well-trained Sisters and nurses.

The Matron, Miss L. V. Haughton was indefatigable in her efforts to extend a cordial welcome to the guests, providing tea and strawberries in her beautiful Georgian house, and a very happy afternoon was spent.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King has become patron of St. Mary's Hospital, the Great Northern Central Hospital, and also of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

The Queen has consented to continue her patronage of the Children's Happy Evenings Association, of which Mrs. Bland Sutton is the energetic hon. secretary. For twenty years this Association has laboured to brighten the lives of children whose parents can do little more than provide them with the bare necessities of life.

The Government have undertaken to contribute to the Palace of Peace at The Hague the four large upper windows of stained glass of the Great Hall of Justice.

The value of the site of Westminster Hospital is so great that its removal to Battersea or other outlying district of London would be a great advantage from an economic point of view. With St. Thomas' in close proximity, and Charing Cross Hospital not far away, it is thought that Westminster can be spared from its present district.

Active steps are now being taken to give effect to the project of erecting a Jewish Hospital in East London, and if the Jews wish for a hospital of their own why should they not have one? Tremendous opposition is being worked up against the scheme by the managers of hospitals containing Jewish wards. Surely these institutions have no right to take this line. There are, especially in the East End, enough Jews to go round, or is it the financial competition which is feared?

As the result of a special inspection shows that the Chichester and West Sussex Infirmary buildings are inadequate for the increased work and for modern scientific requirements, it has been decided to make important alterations and additions, estimated to cost £20,000 to £24,000, which it is proposed to form as a memorial to King Edward VII.

The Secretary for Scotland announces that, acting under the powers conferred by the Prisons (Scotland) Act, 1909, he has appointed 35 ladies to be additional members of the visiting committees of the prisons in Edinburgh, Glasgow, Aberdeen, Inverness, Dundee, Dumfries, and Greenock. Among the ladies appointed are Miss Crombie, Dr. Ann Mercer Watson, Mrs. Montgomery Campbell, Mrs. Wardlaw Ramsay, Mrs. Gilbert Beith, and Lady Alice Shaw-Stewart.

That the Edinburgh Maternity Hospital requires rebuilding on modern lines is well known. It is too small, and is old fashioned. It is to be hoped when this is done it will be erected on a more suitable and airy site. The proposal has been made that it should be rebuilt as a fitting memorial in Edinburgh of the late King.

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