

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Queen has given her consent to one of the new wards of the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, being named after her. This hospital has recently been rebuilt at a cost of £21,000. The ward, which will be called "Queen Mary's Ward," is the principal ward on the first floor of the hospital.

The Countess Cadogan has joined the Ladies' Committee of the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

Out of 208 men and 289 women in Bethlem Royal Hospital last year, the recovery rate was 37 and 42 per cent. respectively. Dr. Hyslop states that the consent given by the Governors to the calling in of surgical experts in cases of serious illness has been of great benefit, and during the year several important operations have been performed with very satisfactory results.

Dr. T. N. Kelynack states that statistics show that a large percentage of the poor children in the schools to-day suffer either from defective vision, defective hearing, adenoids, enlarged tonsils, injurious decay of the teeth, unclean heads, ring-worm, tuberculosis, or heart disease. There should be legislative powers for the treatment of the mentally unfit child, for whom practically nothing is done at present. A matter that should be attended to is the suppression of pornographic literature, and the cinematograph exhibition also needs looking after.

We are glad to learn that the British Committee formed to organise a British section at the International Hygiene Exhibition at Dresden, which was opened on May 6th, has now determined to open the British section on June 14th. The Committee has been handicapped owing to the fact that the Government refused to contribute to the cost of the equipment, but private contributors have been more generous, including Lord Stratheona, who has given £500. It would have been a national reproach had there been no British exhibit at this great International Exhibition.

The Committee of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, E., have decided to utilise their grounds as a means of treatment, and to provide a large shelter for the patients in wet weather, and to substitute paving for gravel footpaths, at an estimated cost of £1,820.

The Queen's Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, has now 134 beds available for patients. We regret that in our reference to the work of this excellent institution last week the number should have been printed as 34.

The Archbishop of York, in the course of a short address which he gave on a recent visit to the York County Hospital, said no one knew better than he did the great difficulties of maintaining the hospitals at the present time in a proper state of efficiency under the conditions of

support on which they were obliged to depend. If the control of the voluntary hospitals passed into the hands of public bodies there would be no loss in the care and skill of the medical officers, and he did not think that ultimately it would make much difference in the character of the nursing, but he thought we should enormously lose that atmosphere of kindness, friendship, and personal consideration which had been a characteristic of our best hospitals in the past.

From an extensive acquaintance with hospitals and Poor Law infirmaries now under public control, we think Dr. Lang's fears are without foundation, the courtesy and kindness shown to visitors and patients alike, and the devotion with which the latter are cared for, are fully up to the standard of the general hospitals.

PRESENTATION.

Miss Narracott, Queen's Nurse at Banff, who is leaving to take up new work, has been presented by a committee of ladies with a handsome bureau, suitably inscribed, a silver inkstand, and a purse of sovereigns. The presentation was made in the Council Chamber, and Mr. F. A. Watt, who presided, called on the Rev. Alexander Boyd to make the presentation, who spoke warmly of the good work done by Miss Narracott since she came to the town, six years ago, on the inauguration of the Association, and wished her, on behalf of the subscribers, success and happiness in her new work. At the request of Miss Narracott Dr. Stephens cordially thanked the donors for their beautiful gift, and the medical profession in Banff for the support she had always received from them. Dr. Fergusson, referring to Miss Narracott's appointment as Matron of the Rose-Innes Hospital, Aberchirder, said the trustees could not have made a happier choice.

RESIGNATION.

Miss A. M. Edwards, who entered the Middlesex Hospital for training in 1876, and has held the position of Sister there for many years, is resigning her work there this month. The Governors have decided to recognise her thirty-five years' of devoted service by awarding her a special pension of £60 per annum. We wish her many years of restful enjoyment.

THE TEACHERS' REGISTER.

The teachers in secondary schools held a meeting at Manchester recently in support of the formation of a register of teachers, at which the Headmaster of Eton said that the profession suffered a very terrible disability from the fact that there was no qualification that was definitely required by the country of any young man before he became a teacher. As long as they remained unorganised it was certain that the State would encroach upon the liberties that had hitherto belonged to the teaching profession. There were a certain number of schools that ought not to exist in this country—schools run by men who had no right to be teachers at all. The first way in which to meet these difficulties was by the establishment of a register.

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