

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

There is a rumour periodically renewed that a huge sum of money has been offered by a hotel company for the site on which St. George's Hospital stands. There is no doubt the site is now unsuitable for the treatment of the sick. Nothing can prevent the constant noise and dust. No outdoor treatment is available, and with the money the site is worth for other purposes, the Governors of St. George's Hospital could build and endow a splendid modern up-to-date hospital in the suburbs of London. One has only to realise what is being done for the poor by King's College Hospital by the erection of their "palace" at Denmark Hill to wish that the Governors of St. George's would hurry up and do likewise.

By the end of the present financial year the London County Council hopes to be in a position to open the mental hospital now being built and equipped as the result of a gift of £30,000 by Dr. Maudsley. A site has already been purchased at a cost of about £10,000.

Mr. Frederick Rolandi, a foreign bookseller, has bequeathed the residue of his large estate, some £150,000, to be divided equally among the following institutions:—The Italian Hospital, Queen Square, W.C.; the French Hospital and Dispensary, Shaftesbury Avenue; the German Hospital, Dalston; the Middlesex Hospital; the University College Hospital; the Cancer Hospital, Fulham Road; the Royal South London Ophthalmic Hospital, S.E.; and the Royal Asylum for the Deaf and Dumb Poor, Margate. A splendid legacy for each institution, and very welcome in these uncertain times.

The "Little Folks" Home at Bexhill was opened by the Mayor, Alderman Paton, on Thursday, July 13th, an ideal day for a ceremony long looked forward to. It is to be regarded as a branch of the Queen's Hospital in Hackney Road, N.E., which is doing such excellent work for the sick children of the East End, and both the Secretary, Mr. Glenton-Kerr, and the Matron, Miss A. M. Bushby, were amongst those present. The latter, with the Sister-in-Charge, Miss Seymour Ure, and Sisters and Nurses of the Hospital, presided over the tea department at the Old English Country Fair, which followed the inaugural ceremony, with great success.

It would appear from a voluminous correspondence in the Liverpool press that the hospitals are not sympathetically supported. Incidentally the long hours, and in some instances insufficiency of the nursing staff, are adversely commented upon. Reduce nursing expenses is often the cry of poorly supported hospitals. It is a very unwise policy, and usually means the overworking of a willing nursing staff.

The Governors of Princess Alice Memorial Hos-

pital, Eastbourne, have decided to proceed with the building of the additions known as "The Spur," providing for twenty extra beds and involving a cost of £4,500. A nurses' home is also to be erected.

Blackburn and East Lancashire Infirmary has received a Coronation gift of £1,000 from Mrs. Astley, of Whinfield House, for the endowment of a cot in memory of her late husband. Already £4,300 has been raised to free the infirmary from debt.

The subscription list opened for the building of a nursing home in Edinburgh for patients of limited means has been most cordially supported. The sum required is £10,000, and of that amount over £8,640 have been now subscribed.

The Paris correspondent of the *Lancet* states that the Minister of Agriculture, who is charged with the suppression of adulteration in food substances, has authorised the substitution of finely meshed gauze, saturated with gelatine rendered insoluble by alum, as a covering for sausages instead of intestinal membrane. "The newspapers in reporting this decision, insist that the trade should not make use for the support of the sausage envelopes of gauze derived from old hospital dressings!"

The erection of a large general hospital in Lyons has just been decided upon by the Municipal Council of that city to take the place of the old Hotel Dieu, founded in the sixth century. The hospital will contain 1,300 beds, and all the clinics of the medical department of the University of Lyons will be connected with the new institution. Great care is being taken to have the hospital thoroughly modern in every particular.

Miss E. J. Jellett, M.B., appeals for £1,000 to complete St. Columbia's Hospital for Women at Hazaribagh, India. A grant of £1,300 from the Indian Government proves that the need is urgent. It will be the only hospital under European women doctors available for "Purdah" women of the district, which has an area of 7,000 square miles and a population of 1,000,000.

The Treasurer of University College Hospital, Captain the Hon. E. S. Dawson, R.N., has received the sum of £1,000 from Mrs. Henry Lucas and her children for the endowment of a bed in memory of the late Mr. Henry Lucas, for many years chairman and treasurer of the hospital.

NEW OFFICES FOR LEMCO AND OXO.

Owing to the extension of their business Liebig's Extract of Meat Co., Ltd., proprietors of Lemco, Oxo, Fray Bentos Canned Goods, etc., are removing the whole of their offices this week to the handsome new building called "Thames House," which they have erected at Queen Street Place, London, E.C. The offices of Messrs. Corneille, David, and Co., are also being removed to the same address.

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