

## REFLECTIONS.

## FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King has granted his permission for the Cardiff Infirmary to be known henceforth as King Edward VII.'s Hospital, Cardiff. His Majesty has been approached to open the new wing this year. The contributions to the institution during the past year have reached the splendid total of £45,000.

The Queen has sent a number of gifts for the West London Hospital bazaar to be held at Chiswick on May 8th and 9th.

The Lord Mayor will preside at the annual meeting of Governors of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, at the hospital on the afternoon of Tuesday, the 19th inst.

The Lord Mayor, who was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, presided at the Annual Meeting of the New Hospital for Women. Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., who moved the adoption of the Report, said that the question of questions was whether they did their very utmost at that hospital to train medical women for the work before them. She emphasised the fact that the whole of England rests on London for the supply of medical women, and unless the right use of the hospital was made for this purpose, it was a failure.

This was endorsed by the Lord Mayor, who said that as a medical man he took the deepest interest in hospital work. "Great hospitals and small should open their doors to students, and no hospital should keep its special knowledge to itself, but let it be carried the length and breadth of the world."

The Princess Henry of Battenberg has consented to become a Vice-Patron of the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

On Saturday last the Duchess of Marlborough visited the West Ham and Eastern General Hospital, Stratford, and opened a new medical ward of ten cots for children. Edward's ward, with the new balcony attached, was also re-opened. The cost of this, and part of the furnishing of the wards, has been defrayed by the Duchess, and the West Ham Hospital School Teachers' Fund.

The Duchess, accompanied by the Chairman of the Medical Committee, and the Matron, Miss Sordy, afterwards visited the wards, decorated by the nursing staff with choice flowers, and spoke to the patients. The number of beds is now 110.

The annual report of the Committee of Management of the Stockport Infirmary to the trustees

shows that good work has been done during the past year, and it is regrettable that there should be a slight diminution in subscriptions through deaths and other causes, which has not been counter-balanced by the number of new subscribers. The fund raised as a memorial to the late King Edward VII., to provide extended accommodation at the Infirmary, under the auspices of Major Lieut.-Colonel Alan J. Sykes, M.R., has reached the sum of £11,000. It is proposed to proceed at once with the building of a Nurses' Home, and the removal of some 30 nurses from the hospital will increase the accommodation for patients by about 20 beds; and other much-needed improvements will be undertaken later. More financial support for maintenance will then be needed.

The Royal West of England Sanatorium, Weston-super-Mare, of which Miss Edith Mawe is the Hon. Lady Superintendent, is one of the most important and beautiful in the country, and annually receives between 2,000 and 3,000 patients, the majority of whom are sent away either completely cured or greatly improved. The sea-water baths, which have been such a successful feature of the work of the Sanatorium, have been brought thoroughly up-to-date, the whole of the cost (£735) having been collected by Miss Mawe, whose self-sacrificing efforts on behalf of the sick and suffering, are, the committee state, worthy of the highest commendation.

## NURSES' SOCIAL UNION EXHIBITION AT BRISTOL.

The Health Conference and Exhibition to be held by the Nurses' Social Union in Bristol has been postponed until June 6th, when it will open for a week in the Victoria Rooms, Clifton. The change from the Coliseum (which was originally announced as the place determined upon) was necessitated by the impossibility of procuring a sound-proof lecture room there; and as it is hoped to secure the help of experts on Health questions and eminent scientists this was a *sine qua non*.

The large hall will be given over to exhibits, which will be partly sent by the trade, showing only such articles as are closely connected with health, or nursing, or with the special needs of nurses; partly by the Nurses' Social Union, who are including several novel features in their already unique collection. These will include a model cottage room, fitted up with ingenious expedients; a model larder, showing food hygienically kept, and the reverse; some wax models of special interest to nurses; and some plasticine models for use in teaching First Aid. Local hospitals, District Nursing Associations, Red Cross and Ambulance Associations have promised further exhibits and demonstrations, and Gloucestershire has also undertaken to assist. The co-operation of an enthusiastic body of workers in Bristol has been enlisted.

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