

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Queen has presented two cots which were used by the Royal children at Windsor Castle to the Royal Alexandra Hospital, at Rhyl.

The Lord Mayor will preside at the annual Court of Governors of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, on Friday, March 14th, at 3 p.m.

At the annual meeting of the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, it was stated that during the past year the income from legacies had amounted to £9,962, an increase of £8,086 on the previous twelve months.

Now that Sanatorium Benefits, under the National Insurance Act, are in full force, and insured persons suffering from tuberculosis are entitled to immediate treatment, either domiciliary or institutional, the publication of two reprints of papers issued from the Thorncliffe Laboratories is opportune. The first deals with "The Treatment of Phthisis by Intratracheal Injections," by Dr. Colin Campbell; and the second is "Izal in the Treatment of Phthisis," by Dr. F. W. Funncliffe. Copies may be had free on application to Messrs. Newton, Chambers & Co., Thorncliffe Laboratories, near Sheffield; and those nurses who are taking up tuberculosis visitation work, under local authorities, would do well to secure them.

It has been decided to build a dispensary for the treatment of tuberculosis at Nottingham as a memorial to the late Dr. William Bramwell Ransom, a leading and very greatly respected practitioner in the city. Dr. Ransom was one of the earliest advocates of the open-air treatment of consumption, and contracted a fatal illness largely through his devotion to patients suffering from the disease. The necessary sum, about £2,200, has already been promised. A marble bas-relief bust of Dr. Ransom will be erected in the new building.

A very pleasant function, which took place last week in the Common Room of the Nurses' Home at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham, illustrates the good feeling existing between the different departments. The workhouse and infirmary staff assembled to congratulate Dr. Ashwell on completing twenty-five years' service as visiting surgeon. The chair was taken by Mr. Gate, the Master of the Workhouse; and the Rev. C. G. Harris, the only remaining active member of the staff upon it at the time of Dr. Ashwell's appointment, reviewed the marvellous progress made during his term of office; and Mr. Fred Coates, Superintendent Dispenser, expressed the hope that Dr. Ashwell

would celebrate his jubilee. Miss Dwight, Matron of the Infirmary, in a charming speech, then asked Dr. Ashwell's acceptance of a massive silver rose-bowl, on an ebony stand, suitably inscribed; and told him that the nurses regarded him not only as their chief, but their very kind friend. Dr. Ashwell assured the donors that their beautiful gift would be cherished not only by himself and Mrs. Ashwell, but by their children after them.

THE EUGENICS EDUCATION CONFERENCE.

Close on a thousand head masters and mistresses of elementary and secondary schools and training colleges were present at the Eugenics Education Conference held at the University of London last Saturday.

Major Darwin, in opening the session, said the gathering had been organised by the Eugenics Education Society as an indirect consequence of the growing interest taken in educational circles in the question of sex-hygiene—that was in considering what educational methods were best calculated to safeguard the young and inexperienced against the many dangers connected with sex. Several most interesting papers were read.

Miss Tuke, Principal of Bedford College, spoke on the eugenic ideal as a factor in the formation of character. She said that, unfortunately, marriage was not looked forward to in the proper spirit. Very often if a young man was a cause of trouble to his parents, it was said, "Let's hope he will get married and settle down"; while if a girl's conduct was being discussed, something similar was said. In fact, marriage was looked upon as the sovereign remedy for the unsatisfactory youth and the neurotic girl.

It was stated by delegates of the National Union of Teachers and the London Teachers' Association that any attempt to make sex-hygiene a subject in the elementary schools would be strenuously opposed by the teachers.

The following resolution was carried:—"That the Minister of Education be asked to receive a deputation requesting an inquiry as to the advisability of encouraging the presentation of the idea of racial responsibility to students in training and children at school."

SEX EDUCATION.

In the Autumn Number of *The Teachers' College Bulletin*, New York, it is reported that the fifteenth International Congress on Hygiene and Demography which met at Washington in September, included the new subsection of sex-hygiene, thus recognising the interest which has been developed in the past five years. Professor Bigelow, of the Department of Biology in Teachers' College, presented a paper on sex-education in which he constructively criticised some of the

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