

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

A proposal to establish a Masonic Nursing Home in London was approved at the quarterly communication of Grand Lodges, held under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Ampthill, at Freemason's Hall, last week. The proposed new home will contain about thirty beds; and will be available for Masons, their wives and families. It will not be a charity, for once the initial cost is defrayed by the subscriptions of the craft, it will be self-supporting.

In connection with the promise of the Lord Mayor, made at the annual court of governors of the City of London Lying-in Hospital, on Thursday, 6th inst., that he would lay before the committee of the Scott Fund the suggestion of naming a ward after the late Captain Scott, and that preference be given to the wives of men in the Army, Navy, and Mercantile Marine, for the use of beds in the ward, Mr. H. Spencer Johnson (the Secretary of the charity), suggests that the beds be named after the five heroes; a suitable brass tablet to be erected on the wall above the bed, together with a framed portrait of the particular man. £1,000 is required to name the ward; and an additional £1,000 is needed to complete the proposal.

The Local Government Board having approved of the proposal, the Managers of the Metropolitan Asylums Board have allocated temporarily certain pavilions in the Northern Hospital for the reception and treatment, under the Insurance Act, of about 200 cases of tuberculosis; and patients are now being received.

Mr. Edwin Tate, J.P., has sent a donation of £500 to increase the accommodation of the Homœopathic Convalescent Home, Eastburne, for the purpose of receiving Male Patients, instead of only women and children as at present.

A convalescent home at Cleeve Prior has been given to the Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women by Mr. Leopold Myers, in memory of his wife, who was for many years an active member of the Women's Hospital Committee. The gift consists of a beautiful house with 2½ acres of land, and a well-stocked garden. The house is completely furnished, fitted with electric light, and has cost upwards of £2,000. It has been called the "Gertrude Myers Home," and a committee of eight members has been formed to manage it. It will be used for patients who have been inmates of the Women's Hospital. Accommodation is provided for twelve patients, and it is estimated that the total annual cost of the upkeep will be under £400. Mr. Myers and his friends have generously contributed in annual subscriptions nearly £200.

We have received the first annual report of the P. F. Collier Memorial Dispensary for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, Dublin, carried on under the auspices of the Women's National Health Association of Ireland, including the report of the year's work of the Dublin Samaritan Committee which has acted as a Care Committee in connection with the Dispensary. This Dispensary was the gift of Mr. Robert J. Collier, of New York, as a memorial to his father, who was well known and deservedly popular in Ireland, who further undertook to contribute a further sum for its maintenance for a certain period, hoping that then its utility would be so clearly proved that the citizens of Dublin would take it over. The dispensary was formally opened by the King and Queen on July 11th, 1911. Connected with the institution are four nurses—a Dispensary Nurse, two Visiting Nurses, and a Supernumerary Nurse.

A Bill has been introduced in the Chamber in Portugal by Senhor Roque to increase the number of doctors in Portuguese Colonies in Africa where sleeping sickness is prevalent. Senhor Roque stated that in the Province of Angola 100 per cent. of the persons attacked have died.

"FROLICS AND PRANKS."

We observe that the male medical students from the London and Guy's Hospitals, have again this year, as they did last, disgraced those institutions on the Hospitals Cup Final day. Engaged in the gentle art of Suffragist-ragging, some of these "frolicsome prankers" found themselves next day in the Guildhall Police Court. Hugh Benson was accused of whacking a police constable on the head with a cane, and amidst laughter the genial Alderman inflicted a fine of 5s. We wonder what the sentence would have been had the student been a girl instead of a man. Nothing less than three months hard, we presume, would have met the exigencies of the case. Anyway, women bullies are very poor material from which to mould the medical practitioner, and we hope the authorities of the two institutions, which depend upon the public for support, and do not disdain the subscriptions of women, will take some means to exclude such cads from their medical schools.

THE NIGHT NURSE.

The author of the book on travel entitled "The Surgeon's Log," which has run rapidly through a number of editions, has just had a novel called "The Night Nurse" brought out by Messrs. Chapman & Hall. It gives some graphic pictures of hospital life, we shall refer to it at length.

ALLENBURYS MALTED RUSKS.

The Allenburys Rusks (Malted), supplied by Messrs. Allen & Hanburys, are like all their preparations, of a high quality. They form an invaluable article of diet for infants over ten months of age, and are also much appreciated by older children and adults.

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