

The Committee of the York County Hospital have made application to the President of the Royal College of Surgeons to appoint someone free from local influence to hold an independent and impartial enquiry into the grave charges made against the management in the *Hospital* newspaper. This being so, we suspend comments on the facts alleged further than to say that the House Committee and Medical Board are satisfied that there is a complete answer to the imputations and charges, and that it by no means follows that because that paper attacks an institution, or an individual, that its charges are well founded. Nor can its views be considered in any sense representative of those of the medical profession, as it is merely an institutional publication run by financiers. Our sympathy is with the Matron in the attack upon her, and our advice to her is not to take it too much to heart.

An arrangement is on trial at the Birmingham General Hospital by which many cases who have been operated upon, and who no longer need in-patient treatment, but require frequent "dressings," have been referred to the District Nursing Societies in Birmingham and district, and thus the patient is saved the inconvenience and risk of coming so far to attend the Hospital. The Board is grateful to several Societies for their willing help in this matter, and hopefully looks for an extension of it in the future.

Upon a recommendation by the Medical Officer of Health, the Public Health Committee of the Aberdeen Town Council have recommended that permission should be granted to the probationer nurses at the City Hospital to attend the School of Domestic Science for the purpose of being instructed in invalid cookery, and that the fees should be borne by the Council.

King Edward's Coronation Fund for Ireland has received a donation of £26 5s. from a friend of the Fund.

The Mayor of Kroonstad, South Africa (Mr. James Strang), has received word from His Excellency the Governor-General that Kroonstad has been selected as the centre for the erection of the first Nurses' Home under Lady Gladstone's King Edward VII Memorial scheme, this Home being the gift of an anonymous donor. The building is designed to accommodate a Matron and Superintendent and four or five nurses, and for extension as and when necessary. It is desired to have the building completed as soon as possible.

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

A Bill, which empowers the authorities of Westminster Hospital to acquire lands for and to erect a new hospital, to authorise the sale and disposal of the present site, and for other purposes, was read a first time on March 12th, and a second time on March 17th, in the House of Commons.

The Annual Meeting of Governors of the Chelsea Hospital for Women will take place on April 3rd, the President, Viscount Castlereagh, M.P., M.V.O., in the chair.

Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association has received a donation of fifty guineas from the Court of Assistants of the Grocers' Company.

The Annual General Meeting of subscribers of the Florence Nightingale Hospital for Gentlewomen was held at the Hospital, 19, Lisson Grove, N.W., last week. Earl Waldegrave presided, and in moving the adoption of the report, drew attention to the fact that 323 patients, the largest number on record, had been admitted during 1912; some of whom came from such widely distant places as Buenos Ayres, India, Brussels, China, and South Africa. He also expressed the warmest thanks to the very large number of physicians and surgeons mentioned in the report for their generosity in attending patients gratuitously.

Owing to the demand for beds, which far exceeds the accommodation, a new wing is being added, and an earnest appeal is made for the sum of £2,500, so that the extension may be opened free of debt.

We are glad to know that Birmingham is to have a new Children's Hospital, worthy of this progressive city, as a memorial to the late King Edward VII. The foundation stone is to be laid by Princess Louise, who will be accompanied by the Duke of Argyll, on April 23rd. The Princess is to be received at the site by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress and the Lord Lieutenant, the High Sheriff, the Bishop of Birmingham, and representatives of the Hospital, including the Matron, Miss Buckingham, will be present. On the same date the Princess will unveil a statue to the late King.

The Governors of the Chichester Infirmary have decided that its title shall be "Hospital" in the future, and to petition His Majesty to grant the institution the title of "Royal."

The directors of the Newport Hospital have been notified that the late Lord Tredegar bequeathed £5,000 to the institution. This is one of many charitable bequests.

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