

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has increased his subscription to the Cornwall County Nursing Association to £20.

Sir William Treloar, who has done so much for the Hospital and College for Crippled Children at Alton, which bears his name, is appealing on behalf of the Trustees for £10,000 to build and equip a new Nurses' Home, to be known for all time as the Queen Alexandra Nurses' Home, as an expression of devotion and gratitude to Queen Alexandra, in recognition of Her Majesty's great and sustained interest in the work at Alton and, in particular, of her kindly thought, so often exhibited for the nurses who work there.

Queen Alexandra has sent £100 to the fund to establish the Queen Alexandra Nurses' Home at the Lord Mayor Treloar's Cripples' Hospital at Alton, Hampshire.

Mr. H. J. Tennant, M.P., presided recently at the annual meeting of Governors of the Great Northern Central Hospital. The annual report showed that the work of the hospital had steadily increased. Acknowledging a vote of thanks to the Ladies' Committee, Miss Roby said they were willing to work on behalf of the Nurses' Home, which she hoped would soon be an acquisition to the hospital. She hoped the Governors would assist the Ladies Committee in their efforts.

The Earl of Lonsdale is appealing for £70,000 for Charing Cross Hospital, £62,000 to clear the mortgage debt and the balance to be used for reopening five closed wards to patients able to make a weekly payment of £2 2s.

Miss K. L. Ray, Matron of St. Mary's Hospital, Plaistow, E., is appealing eloquently in the press on behalf of her Million Pennies Fund to provide a home for the nurses. She states that their cubicles are wooden structures immediately under a slate roof, and too small to have washstands placed in them.

It was found necessary recently to close the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital to visitors, as the house surgeon and several members of the nursing and domestic staff had contracted diphtheria.

The managers of the Hounslow Hospital have appointed a lady to act as dispenser at the new hospital.

Both the Birmingham General Hospital and the Nottingham General Hospital report a serious diminution in receipts from the Hospital Saturday Fund owing to the Insurance Act, and at the annual meeting of the former institution Mr. J. B.

Clark, a governor, expressed a desire to see paying beds arranged for in the Hospital. If this were done it would, he said, increase the income of the institution by a thousand pounds a year. It must, however, be remembered that it would also increase the outlay; for beds for paying patients must be run on different lines to those in general wards, and increased expenditure, if patients are to be satisfied, is necessitated on nursing, food, and domestic service.

The Leeds Trade and Labour Council have expressed their sympathy with the Women's Labour League in their effort to obtain representation on the Board of the Leeds General Infirmary and have instructed their Executive to consider the general question of the representation of workers on the Board.

THE MENTAL DEFICIENCY BILL.

There has been a complete re-arrangement of the clauses of the new Mental Deficiency Bill, which was issued on Monday night. The clause forbidding marriage with a defective is omitted; and it is provided that orders relating to a defective made, on petition, by a judicial authority can be made only if the authority thinks it desirable to do so in the interests of the defective. This Bill is of very far-reaching importance to the community generally; and it is to be hoped that it will not pass in the present emasculated form.

HORLICK'S FEEDING BOTTLE.

Nurses and Midwives should note that the Horlick Malted Milk Company, of Slough, Buckinghamshire, have introduced an effective form of feeding-bottle, which is likely to displace old-fashioned and unsatisfactory varieties which still linger, unfortunately, to the digestive undoing of many a baby. Horlick's Feeder possesses many advantages. It can be opened at both ends, so enabling the whole bottle to be thoroughly flushed out; it possesses no corners or angles in which dirt or decomposing curds may linger; it is graduated



so that the quantity prepared and the amount actually taken can be accurately estimated. It also has the great advantage of being fitted with a solid glass valve. There are no india-rubber attachments. The Feeder is thoroughly effective in action, requires but little regulating, does not leak, cannot clog, and there is no danger of the infant deranging the bottle. The "ideal valve" allows for the even entry of air behind the column of milk, and so "wind-colic" is prevented. When hand-feeding has to be resorted to this Feeder will be found thoroughly efficient. It is supplied complete at 1s. 2d.

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