

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Her Royal Highness Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, will lay the foundation stone of the South London Hospital for Women on Tuesday, July 1st. The hospital, which is to be officered entirely by medical women, is to be built on a site facing Clapham Common. Of the £55,000 required to build and equip the hospital, £40,000 has already been subscribed and the Board of Management hope to raise the remaining £15,000 before July 1st, so that the hospital may be free of debt when the foundation stone is laid. The Hospital has received a donation of £100 from the Worshipful Company of Clothmakers.

The Committee of the West London Hospital, Hammersmith, have decided that no more fitting tribute can be paid to the memory of its former President, the late Duke of Abercorn, than by erecting new accommodation for the nursing staff and to name it the "Abercorn Home for Nurses." At present the nurses are crowded into seven private houses. Owing to want of space it is impossible to make adequate provision for them, and most of the bedrooms are shared by two or three. The question of the proper housing of the nursing staff was one in which the late Duke took the greatest personal interest, and in the hope of improving matters an appeal was made under his direction which resulted in some £2,000 being subscribed towards a new "home." A further £10,000 is required to carry out the work.

The Fourth Annual Conference of the British Hospitals Association will be held at Oxford from June 26th to 28th. On the first day Sir William Osler will deliver his presidential address, and the remainder of the morning session will be devoted to the consideration of the National Health Insurance Act. The other subjects which will be discussed at the conference include "Tuberculosis and the General Hospitals," and "The Upkeep of Hospitals."

The new Cottage Hospital at Hendon, for which the ground was given by Sir Audley Nield, and which has been built by public subscription, as a memorial to King Edward VII, was opened on Saturday by Princess Henry of Battenberg. The Hospital is most charming, and the Committee are to be congratulated on the result achieved. The furnishing has been accomplished very quickly, and Miss Punchard, the new Matron, demonstrated her capacity in the way in which everything was in apple-pie order by the appointed time, a result accomplished with the aid of many willing helpers. The wards looked most dainty, and the little theatre was equipped in the most up-to-date way.

SECOND GUILDHALL SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The programme of the Second Guildhall School Conference on June 30th and July 1st, will cover a wide field. The opening session will be devoted to a discussion of papers, which will be printed and circulated in advance, on the working of the English and Scottish Acts governing the provision of meals for necessitous school children. At the second, the educational aspect of the problem, the meals of the country school children and the relation of school and home will be considered. The morning of July 1st will be taken up with a discussion of the teaching in public elementary schools of personal hygiene, food values, catering and cookery, while the concluding session will be devoted to the consideration of diet, cookery, and hygiene in day and residential institutions for children and adolescents, both public and philanthropic, including open-air and special schools, reformatories, industrial schools and Poor Law institutions. Among the organisations represented on the Committee are the National Union of Teachers, Medical Officers of School Association, London Teachers' Association, Infirmary Medical Superintendents' Association, Teachers' Guild of Great Britain and Ireland, National Federation of Women Teachers, Association of Teachers of Domestic Subjects, British Medical Association, National Federation of Class Teachers, and British Dental Association. Full particulars will be sent to anyone forwarding a stamped addressed envelope to the Secretary, National Food Reform Association, 178, St. Stephen's House, Westminster.

WOMEN WRITERS' SUFFRAGE LEAGUE DINNER.

On July 2nd the Women Writers' Suffrage League will have a Dinner at the Criterion Restaurant, and THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING is arranging a table. Mrs. Flora Annie Steel, the President, and Mrs. Humphry Ward will speak on this burning question, in support and in opposition. The Editor will be pleased to hear from those who wish to attend, and have seats at THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING table, as soon as possible.

HOLIDAY TOURS.

Now that the holiday season has begun, nurses are often glad to know how by co-operation with others, they can spend the brief time of relaxation their work permits them to the best advantage. A Notice of the Women's International League and Travel Society, 199, Victoria Street, London, S.W., appears on page viii, and as we understand that the tours it organises are very convenient for nurses, and appreciated by them, we advise those who have not yet made their holiday plans to communicate with the Secretary.

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