

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King and Queen will visit the new buildings of King's College Hospital, at Denmark Hill on the afternoon of Saturday, July 26th, when the Queen will receive purses in aid of the building fund.

The Chelsea Hospital for Women has received from the Drapers' Company a promise of £500 towards its Re-building Fund for the current year, and of a similar amount for 1914. A bed will be endowed in the name of the Company.

The Congress and Health Exhibition of the Royal Sanitary Institute will be opened at Exeter on Saturday, July 5th, by the Right Worshipful the Mayor, in the Victoria Hall at 3 p.m.

The Mayor of Carlisle recently opened a delightful new Nurses' Home and Pavilions for Convalescents and Consumptives, built by the Guardians of Carlisle Union at Fusehill. Nothing can take the place of a good Nurses' Home in the efficient working of the nursing department of a hospital. Without it worry and lack of discipline are inevitable.

The Local Government Board has approved the plans for a new Nurses' Home at Basford Workhouse, Notts.

Now is the time to support that excellent fund for Children's Country Holidays. It is stated in the annual report that during 1912 46,400 children were sent away for a holiday in the country at the expense of the fund. This is a record number, and shows an increase of over 1,200.

The splendid new General Hospital, Toronto was opened on the 19th ult. by Sir John Gibson, Lieutenant-Governor, and Sir James Whitney the Premier of Ontario. It will cost £800,000. and provides exceptional facilities for medical and nursing teaching.

Hospitals, nursing institutions, and private nurses should keep by them a copy of the Illustrated Price List prepared by the Surgical Manufacturing Co., 85, Mortimer Street, London, W. It cannot fail to be of the greatest assistance to them when dressings, surgical appliances and instruments and invalid furniture are wanted in an emergency. The whole of the Aseptic Hospital Furniture and most of the surgical instruments are made at the company's own works in London, and as it has no intermediate profits to pay it is able to offer articles of the finest quality at exceptionally reasonable prices.

The firm is always pleased to send a selection of surgical instruments on approval, the unselected articles to be returned within seven days, carriage paid.

THE SOUTH LONDON HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN.

LAYING THE FOUNDATION STONE.

Just three months ago the Out-Patient Department of the South London Hospital for Women, was formally opened by Lady Castlereagh. On Tuesday, July 1st, the picturesque ceremony of laying the foundation stone of the In-Patient Department was performed by H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, who was received—in the absence of Lady Castlereagh—by Lady Tennyson, the Bishop of Southwark, Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D., M.S., the Hon. Medical Staff of the Hospital, and others. After the presentation of an address to the Duchess, Miss Douie, M.A., M.B., gave a business report. This was followed by prayer offered by the Bishop and the beautiful hymn commencing "Now thank we all our God." The Princess then, with a presentation trowel, "well and truly laid" the stone.

Under Band Master Mr. F. W. Wood a charming programme of music was performed during the afternoon by the Military and String Band of H.M. Scots Guards.

The purpose of the hospital is to supply for South London what the North West has enjoyed for 41 years—namely a general hospital for women, officered entirely by medical women. The New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, is at present the only one of the kind, and is quite insufficient to accommodate the numerous applicants. The South London Hospital is to be the second. The demand of women to be treated by those of their own sex is increasing. In supplying the demand, the secondary purpose of giving facilities and encouragement to female medical students is also attained. A very fine site has been purchased, consisting of three acres of freehold ground, with a large frontage on Clapham Common. The building is to be commenced in a few weeks' time; it is to be up-to-date in every particular, comprising in its equipment an Electrical and X-ray Department. £55,000 is the sum required towards which £40,000 has already been subscribed.

The hospital is to consist of:—

1. An Out-Patients' Department, attached to which will be an almoner, to ensure that only suitable cases are treated.

2. An In-Patients' Department, which will contain:—

(a) General Wards for ordinary hospital patients, who, if they can afford it, will be expected to pay a small sum weekly.

(b) Private wards for patients at an inclusive cost of one to three guineas a week. These wards are intended for those women of small means who cannot afford to pay the fees of a nursing home.

The scarlet robes of the women medical graduates made beautiful points of colour, besides punctuating the purpose of the hospital. The effect was heightened by the contrast of the black robes of the undergraduates.

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