

claimed attention for its excellence. Messrs. A. Wulfig & Co. showed Albulactin and other preparations. The Surgical Manufacturing Co. (W. J. Edwards) had a large and well-arranged exhibit of their many specialities which was well worth studying. The Scholl Manufacturing Co., Ltd., demonstrated the advantage of their Arch Supports and foot rests, and Messrs. Southall Bros. & Barclay, Ltd., had a comprehensive exhibit of their widely known specialities. As the stands approached two hundred in number we have only space to draw attention to some of the most noteworthy exhibits.

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The King, who is patron of Westminster Hospital, has commanded that their Majesties' gratification at the projected amalgamation with St. George's Hospital be conveyed to the authorities. His Majesty considers the scheme likely to be "for the greater benefit of the sick and suffering poor."

The Prime Minister, answering Dr. Esmonde (Nat., Tipperary, N.) and Dr. Chapple (R., Stirlingshire), in the House of Commons on Monday, stated that the Government have agreed to institute an inquiry into the causes and treatment of venereal disease, but that the precise terms and scope of the inquiry, and the character and composition of the investigating body, are still under consideration.

The French members of the International Congress of Medicine performed one of those graceful acts which seem to come instinctively to their nation when they attended at the Royal College of Surgeons, and Dr. J. Lucas-Championnière placed a large laurel wreath, entwined with roses, on a bust of the late Lord Lister, and spoke in eulogy of his life and work. They were received by the President, Sir Rickman J. Godlee.

University College Hospital maternity department has (owing to the closing of King's College Hospital, in Portugal Street) been enlarged, and will in future extend its radius southwards to the Strand and as far east as Farringdon Street.

Several hospitals have recently come in for some large bequests. Under the will of Mrs. Agnes Tryphena O'Callaghan of Cheltenham, the Warneford Hospital, Leamington, receives £3,000 (in memory of the testator's three sisters), the Cheltenham General Hospital, £2,000, and the Victoria Home for District Nurses, Cheltenham, £300.

The Right Hon. William McEwan, formerly member for Central Edinburgh, bequeathed £15,000 to the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, and £1,000 to the Corstorphine Convalescent Home.

"ALL OF OUR HOSPITAL."

BALLINCOONA, CAHER DANIEL, CO. KERRY.

DEAR EDITOR,—Our good news must come first. On May 2nd we started work once more on the Hospital building, after nineteen months of enforced idleness. It is a joy to hear again the click of the masons' trowels, and the long sigh of the carpenters' planes.

We do not believe in running into debt. And so the year has been one of gathering rather than of spending, of careful economy and of anxious consideration of ways and means.

You will have seen our appeals for funds in the papers. The answers to them have been overwhelmingly kind, and the gifts for the most part have come from those who could help us only by making personal sacrifices. We still await our millionaire with some eagerness. For we have had few individual gifts that were great in amount. Deep is our gratitude for the generous kindness shown to our Home of Help by the many unknown friends who from the uttermost parts of the earth, as well as from near at hand, have given us stones for the building and courage by the way.

I spent a month in the States last autumn, chiefly in New York. There, once more, I met with the truest kindness and help. Our brothers who have gone out from amongst us do not forget the "old country"; and I shall not soon forget their kindness and sympathy. Even in my beggar's guise I was made welcome. And the generosity of Americans, especially of my own beloved profession, seemed to me wonderful.

You are all helping us to march on to victory. One friend, if he will let me call him so, who came to see our work, is making us the delightful present of a number of fruit trees. The drainage of the land for them is not yet complete, owing in part to bad weather and in part to meeting with an abnormal quantity of rocks in the drains. We comfort ourselves for the regrettable delay in planting by reflecting that we have not only dug out a year's supply of turf, for we came upon an unexpected turf bank, but have also provided more than half the stones needed for the gas and disinfector house by the way. All our difficulties seem to turn to gold, somehow and somewhere.

Some friends have given us furniture, others clothes. I had one charming present of two fountain pens. Christmas brought us delicious shortbread from Scotland. Nothing comes amiss. All helps.

It has been a terrible winter and spring. Incessant rain and storm have exhausted vitality and powers of resistance. The frost of last June left us with a poor supply of potatoes. The embargo on cattle prevented ours from selling, and left us all with double the number that our land could carry. Hay came early to an end, and the poor beasts had to be content with a bare subsistence. As a consequence almost the whole

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