

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Lord Donoughmore, in moving the adoption of the report at the sixty-fourth annual meeting at the London Homœopathic Hospital, referred to the consent given by Queen Alexandra to the naming of the new children's ward the "Queen Alexandra Ward," and read a letter recently received in which Her Majesty expressed her gladness that the new ward had been completed, and was in use by the children.

The Duchess of Albany has consented to open the new buildings of the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, Westminster, on June 12th.

At the annual meeting of the Great Northern Hospital it was reported that the out-patients showed a decrease in attendance of 3,049, no doubt due to the operation of the Insurance Act. The need for a Nurses' Home is urgent, and the public cannot subscribe to any more useful addition to a hospital, so very difficult to manage well unless the nursing and domestic staff are comfortably housed.

The Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest in the City Road this year attains a century of usefulness. It was the first hospital in Europe for the study and treatment of consumption and other diseases of the chest. The stethoscope first made its appearance at this hospital in England in 1834. The very small beginning of this well-managed hospital was a twelve-bed house in Artillery Lane, Bishopsgate, which was founded by the Duke of Kent, the father of Queen Victoria, in 1814. The Training School in the Prevention and Nursing of Tuberculosis and for nurses and health visitors, attached to this hospital, is a very valuable adjunct. A special course of twelve Lectures and Practical work in the Tuberculosis Dispensary began this week on the 17th inst. The syllabus and particulars can be obtained from the Matron.

The new West End Hospital for Nervous Diseases is to be erected in Northumberland Street, Marylebone Road, W., or in Vincent Square, at the rear of the Royal Horticultural Hall. It is anticipated that the cost of building will be between £40,000 and £50,000. The Hospital now situated in Welbeck Street is doing admirable work, and there is great need to extend it.

The Prime Minister will preside and propose the health of Sir R. Munro Ferguson, the Governor-General Designate of Australia, at the luncheon at which he is to be entertained in the House of Commons by the Scottish Liberal members on March 31st.

The London County Council has decided to proceed with a scheme for the provision of six

ambulance stations in the metropolis, as a nucleus of an ambulance system under its control. Private co-operation is invited in placing telephones at the disposal of constables in uniform when an ambulance is required. The estimated annual cost of the system is estimated at £10,000.

The Lord Chelmsford, G.C.M.G., presents prizes and certificates to students of evening classes and day college on March 27th, at 8 o'clock p.m. at the South-Western Polytechnic Institute, Chelsea. Laboratories and workshops open to public inspection about 9.15 p.m. Tickets of admission may be obtained on application at the Institute.

The Sixth International Congress on Social Work and Service will be held in London in June, 1915. The King and Queen have become Patrons of the Congress.

An immense treat is in store for Londoners and visitors to the Metropolis. The London Museum located in Stafford House will be opened next week. Admission will be free, except on Tuesdays, when 1s. will be charged.

Arrangements are being made to celebrate the Centenary of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, which was founded in 1814.

THEORETICAL INSTRUCTION FOR NURSES.

There are many nurses, keenly interested in their professional work, who feel the disadvantage of a deficiency of general education, or of ability to express themselves clearly and well on paper. Their training in hospital, as a rule, affords them no help in this respect. They are expected to take notes of lectures, to write them out subsequently, and to answer examination questions, but the method is largely left to their own judgment, and they are conscious that this is often faulty.

To such nurses the Postal Courses organised by the Central Correspondence College, 1A, Wimpole Street, Cavendish Square, London, W., are of great value. They are in no sense a substitute, and do not assume to be, for practical training, but it is claimed that they can supplement that training, and the record of the College proves that many nurses have found it of great assistance in preparing for examinations as Sanitary Inspectors, Health Visitors, Dispensers, Factory Inspectors, and for the examination of the Central Midwives Board, &c.

Full particulars as to the general method of tuition and the courses for which preparation is given are supplied in the booklet, "Higher Appointments for Nurses and How to Obtain Them," issued by the College; or prospective pupils can obtain information by applying at the College between the hours of 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

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