

REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

In this time of blossoms and sweetness the tired town worker begins to long for holidays. We all suffer from the longing as Nature bedecks herself with greenery and garlands. We are pleased to note that the President and Trustees of the Children's Country Holidays Fund have issued an appeal for funds, to provide rest and recreation for the poorest of London's children. The Fund has its headquarters at 18, Buckingham Street, Strand.

As President of the West London Hospital, Prince Arthur of Connaught, in moving the adoption of the annual report, referred to the proposed "Abercorn Home for Nurses," in memory of the former president, the late Duke of Abercorn. At the beginning of 1909 he said the fund amounted to £2,068. During the past year sums amounting to £2,544 had been received, a further sum of £2,000 had been generously promised from King Edward's Hospital Fund, and through Dr. Shuter an anonymous donor had intimated that he was prepared to give £7,500, the estimated balance of the sum required for the site and buildings. Owing to the special effort made with regard to the nurses' home, the scheme for a new operation theatre had remained in abeyance, but it was hoped the scheme, together with the proposed new accommodation for medical officers and new wards, which were estimated to cost £7,000, would meet with the public sympathy and support that it deserved.

Sir Robert M. Simon has resigned his position as senior hon. physician to the Birmingham General Hospital, which he has held for 23 years. A sub-committee has been appointed to consider the best way of commemorating his services to the hospital.

Mr. William Douglas has intimated to the management of the Kingswood Nursing Home, near Bristol, that he will give a site and erect a modern nursing establishment for the purposes of a Nursing Home for the Kingswood district.

The Archdeacon of Durham and Mrs. Watkins have contributed £1,000 to the funds of the Durham County Hospital, to meet necessary expenditure, including an operating theatre.

The foundation stone of the new Infectious Hospital at Thorpe, near Easington, was laid recently by Mr. Wilkinson, Chairman of the Hospital Committee. It is to be one of the most up-to-date hospitals for its size in the Kingdom.

By the end of May it is hoped that the new operating theatre at the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary will be ready for use. Mr. Joseph Marshall has donated £1,000 to endow a bed.

The Governors of the Sussex County Hospital have received an offer from Major-General

Marsland to provide additional balconies for the York Ward as a memorial to his late wife.

Dr. S. H. Goldwater, the Health Commissioner of New York, has announced a plan to have every one of the 5,000,000 of the city examined at least once a year to determine his or her physical condition.

The plan is already in force among the employees of the Health Department. The Commissioner's next step will be to ask the Board of Estimates to authorise him to extend the system to all city employees. Eventually he hopes to apply it to all the inhabitants. There is no proposal to make examination compulsory.

The "Coolest Corner" in the recent Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition was, we were informed that round the Stand of Messrs. Newton, Chambers & Co., Ltd., of Thorncliffe, nr. Sheffield. Investigating the cause, we found its origin in the "Izal Sprayer," by means of which a fine cloud of this well-known disinfectant was frequently distributed in the immediate vicinity. It certainly was most efficacious, not only as a layer of dust but as a slayer of the germs therein contained.

A QUESTION OF PROFESSIONAL ETHICS.

We have received the following letter from Mr. Ernest Schofield:—

22-24, Great Portland Street,
London, W.

To the Editor of THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

DEAR MADAM,—It has been brought to my notice that it is stated generally that the Annual Nursing and Midwifery Exhibition and Conference is helped financially and exclusively by one of the Nursing Journals, and that its organisation is controlled by it.

As Secretary of the above Exhibition, I take this opportunity of denying, *in toto*, these allegations, and I shall be obliged, in the best interests of the exhibitors and the Exhibition generally, if you will kindly give this statement full publicity.

I am, Madam,

Faithfully yours,

ERNEST SCHOFIELD,

Organising Secretary.

This letter, we surmise, has been issued by Mr. Ernest Schofield as the result of the irate statement publicly made at the recent Nursing Exhibition, by an official of the *Nursing Mirror*, in which he protested that preference as to publicity, etc., had been given by the authorities to its rival, the *Nursing Times*.

These competing publications for the pence and patronage of the nursing profession are, as our readers know, both lay edited journals presuming to instruct us in our scientific work and ethical conduct! The former owes its existence to the financial acumen of Sir Henry

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