

REFLECTIONS.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Ladies' Association of University College Hospital, it was announced that the number of garments contributed last year was 1,516; and the sum paid to the hospital from the Association amounted to £1,340 14s.—the largest yet obtained. Miss Finch (the Matron), said there was a great increase in the number of the patients admitted, and made an appeal for many more flannel jackets to meet the need.

A London County Council committee recommend that education in sex hygiene in public elementary schools is not advisable.

Mr. Otto Beit has promised £700 towards the building of a special operating theatre for cases of rheumatoid arthritis and allied diseases at the Cambridge Research Hospital, and has also promised £100 a year for 10 years towards the general maintenance of the hospital.

The jubilee appeal on behalf of the Royal Surrey County Hospital at Guildford has resulted in an additional annual income of £800, so that the institution will be in a sound financial state for the next seven or eight years.

At a special meeting of the Newcastle Board of Guardians it was agreed to provide a new Nurses' Home. At present the staff is housed at the Workhouse and elsewhere, and a new Home will make for the happiness of the staff, and make better training possible.

According to a number of Boards of Guardians advertisements for nurses bring in few or no replies.

A great effort is to be made at the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor, to discover an antidote for consumption. Probably £15,000 will be necessary ultimately; but in the meantime the board consider that £5,000 carefully applied will warrant them in beginning investigations.

Efforts are still being made to end the deplorable *impasse* in the management of the Victoria Hospital, Blackpool. We do not envy the new matron, unless a more amenable spirit prevails throughout its entire administration.

The Right Hon. Herbert Samuel, President of the Local Government Board, will give the Inaugural Address at the National Conference on Infant Mortality, which is to be held at Liverpool on July 2nd and 3rd. Many important subjects are down for discussion, including milk sterilisation, ante-natal hygiene, the teaching of infant hygiene to the elder girls in elementary schools, the scope

and functions of schools for mothers and the special responsibilities of sanitary authorities in regard to infant welfare. A large number of local authorities and voluntary associations for infant welfare have already appointed delegates.

An intimation has been sent to Miss Weighall, R.R.C., Lady Superintendent of Lady Roberts Hospital for officers at Murree, Punjab, India, that a legacy of £600 has been bequeathed to the Institution by the late Mr. W. Milward Jones, on the distinct condition that a bed should be endowed in perpetuity, and a brass plate fixed with the following inscription over the head of the same: "To the glory of God and in loving memory of Rintoul Archer Milward Jones, Lieut. 4th Irish Dragoon Guards, who died at Lady Roberts Hospital for Officers, aged 31 years, and may God bless those who occupy this bed from time to time, and may He of His infinite mercy mitigate their sufferings. Amen."

On his arrival at Fremantle, the first port of call in Australia, Sir R. Munro-Ferguson, the new Governor-General of the Commonwealth, delivered an inspiring message from the King, in which His Majesty recalled "his vivid and abiding recollections of both his visits to the Southern Dominion."

THE NURSING AND MIDWIFERY CONFERENCE.

MAY 1st

AFTERNOON SESSION.

(Continued.)

MENTAL AND NERVE WORK.

At the Nursing and Midwifery Conference, held at the Yeomanry Hall, Elverton Street, S.W., on Friday, May 1st, in the Session on Mental and Nerve Work, at which Dr. Murray Leslie presided, two other papers were read, in addition to that by Dr. Robert Armstrong Jones, which we reported last week.

THE NURSE AND THE CARE OF NERVOUS PATIENTS.

Dr. Edwin L. Ash, Director of the London Nerve Clinic, presented a paper on the above subject, and in introducing the subject said that it was impossible to cover the field of the nursing of nervous patients in the limits of one paper, as it bid fair to become one of the largest divisions of nursing. He first made a plea for a better understanding of the term nervous patient. It meant a patient afflicted with a definite form of disorder, and it was important that it should not be used haphazard. At present the terms "neurotic" and "mental" were used in the hospital out-patient department in much the same way that "fever" was employed in a tropical country.

He would like to see a greater discrimination and understanding on the part of nurses. For

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