

## REFLECTIONS

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

Her Royal Highness Princess Christian has resigned the presidency of St. George's Hospital. At a private meeting of Governors, recently held, the necessary notice was signed requesting that the Court to be held on February 12th should be made special to consider the following resolution: "That a committee be elected of five or seven governors to consider the laws of St. George's Hospital, and to report to a special court as early as possible whether any, and what, alteration shall be made therein, with power, if they think fit, to obtain legal assistance." We believe the form of government of St. George's Hospital is of a somewhat obsolete character. It is to be hoped it may be entirely modernised. A few able women on the House Committee would in our opinion render good service in this direction.

We have pleasure in publishing on this page a picture of the Auckland Hospital, New Zealand, representing the main block, and a part of one of the large surgical blocks. The hospital is too large, and the wards too scattered, for it to be possible to include the whole building in one photograph. The hospital is finely placed, overlooking the bay, and is interesting as being typical of the fine institutions now provided in our Colonies, and overseas Dominions, for the relief of the sick, and as training schools for nurses. It will be remembered that Miss Jessie M. Orr, Matron of the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, resigned the position to take up that of Lady Superintendent of the Auckland Hospital, and we learn she has won "golden opinions" in her responsible office.

At the monthly meeting of the Tolworth Joint Isolation Board the question of services in the



THE AUCKLAND HOSPITAL, NEW ZEALAND. MAIN BLOCK.

As a result of his "journalistic" tour of inspection of hospitals, Sir Henry Burdett reports in one of his papers conditions at the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital which Mr. Somerville A. Gurney, the chairman of the Finance Committee, states are "quite untrue." He speaks warmly of the whole-hearted devotion of the medical staff, the matron and nurses, and invites anyone who is doubtful as to the internal arrangements and management of the Hospital to come and inspect it for themselves. We always marvel at hospital managers worrying themselves about the opinion of newspaper people who are neither experts in sanitary science, medicine or nursing.

A commodious nurses' home has just been opened at the Devonport Workhouse. This is a first essential if a healthy and contented staff is to be maintained.

hospital chapel came up on the receipt of a letter from Canon Macnutt with reference to the administration of the Holy Communion at the mortuary building of the hospital. The Committee recommended that the Canon be granted facilities to hold such services for the Anglican members of the staff in the chapel attached to the hospital, the Board being ready to grant similar facilities to 'other denominations.' Mr. Woolacott moved that the Board "grant similar facilities to other denominations in the same building." This was seconded by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. A. Peel, and carried.

The Sixth International Congress on Social Work and Service, State, Municipal and Voluntary, will be held at the University of London from May 30th to June 5th, 1915.

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