

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

THE Queen has presented an engraving of her full-length portrait, with her Majesty's autograph, to the Morley Convalescent Home (Dover). The Committee have had the work handsomely framed and hung in the day-room of the new wing.

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THE eighth International Congress on Hygiene and Demography will be held at Budapest in September of next year. The papers of subjects for several sections have already been selected, and the referees have been chosen. The presidents of the several sections will be elected by the executive committee as soon as the names of the foreign celebrities who will take part in the congress are made known.

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SIR JOHN CLARK, of Tilliepronie, is to act as Lord-Lieutenant of Aberdeenshire while Lord ABERDEEN is away in Canada. Sir JOHN, who is a neighbour of the QUEEN on Deeside, is the son of Sir JAMES CLARK, who was physician to the QUEEN, the Prince Consort, and the Duchess of KENT. For many years Sir JAMES CLARK held the position at Court which is now filled by Sir WILLIAM JENNER.

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THE house-surgeons of the Cincinnati Hospital lately went on strike on the question of fees for evidence at inquests in murder cases where the victim dies in the Hospital. Till lately, it appears, these officials recovered a fee of two dollars for their evidence under such circumstances. With the advent of a new coroner, however, new arrangements were made, and the house-surgeons raise the voice of mourning for their fees because they are not.

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SIR E. GALSWORTHY presided at a meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums managers on Saturday, at which a communication was received from the Local Government Board, stating that they would issue an order authorising the Managers to purchase the new Tooting site. Their attention had been called to the fact that part of it was occupied by allotments, and the Board hoped that under the circumstances proper compensation would be granted to the holders for their produce. The Local Government Board also wrote intimating that the usual inquiry respecting the proposed

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acquisition of a site for a fever hospital at Kidbrooke would be held on the 19th inst., at the Town Hall, Woolwich. The Wandsworth Guardians requested the Managers to provide Nurses to attend on fever cases which could not be received into the hospital, but it was decided to reply that it was impossible to grant the request, as the Managers could not find a sufficient supply of Nurses for their own institutions.

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It is proposed to build a Nurses' Home in connection with the Workhouse Hospital, and the Infirmary Committee have recommended the acceptance of tenders amounting to £7,788; to this, £2,000 will have to be added for furnishing. Mr. BENSON JOWETT, who attended the meeting as an *ex-officio* guardian and Honorary Treasurer of the Leeds Infirmary, pointed out the necessity of having an efficient Nurses' Home, especially in view of the not far-distant prospect of an extension of the Workhouse Hospital, and the fact that it was the duty of the guardians to provide for the nursing of the sick out-door paupers. He did not think the expenditure proposed was at all excessive.

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A MAN, aged 38, was admitted to one of the medical wards at the General Infirmary on August 26th, suffering from pneumonia. Shortly after his admission he got up, remarking that he must go home to his wife and family. Without warning he rushed to the end of the ward and jumped from the lavatory window, a distance of 24 feet, fracturing his skull, from which he died the following day. The Coroner, in deference to a request from the jury, asked what steps had been taken to protect the windows in view of a similar accident, which had occurred a few weeks previously. Mr. BENSON JOWETT, the Honorary Treasurer, remarked that, until the accident referred to, there had been no casualty for four years, although the windows had remained in the same condition. The partitions were very narrow, but in order that there might be no risk in the future, the House Committee had decided to effect alterations in fifty of the windows on the first and second floors.

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NATURALLY enough, the various temperance organisations are at their wit's end to account for the medical *volte-face* against total abstinence which marked the Anti-Alcohol Congress at the Hague. "What," they are again asking, "is moderation?" Sir DYCE DUCKWORTH has defined it for them; and the leading French, German, and Dutch medi-

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