

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

It is announced that the very fine public park presented to Stockton by the mayor, Major ROPNER, is to be opened by the Duke and Duchess of YORK on October 4th.

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It is said that the trustees of the munificent bequest of the late Mr. HOPE of New York to his native town on the borders, have received the balance of his estate—upwards of £100,000—wherewith, in terms of his will, to build and endow a hospital at Langholm.

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ON Tuesday last a new wing which has been added to the North Infirmary in Cork was opened to patients. The money was provided by a bequest of the late Lady COMBERMERE, the daughter of Dr. GIBBINGS, who was one of the medical staff of the Hospital nearly eighty years ago. Dr. GIBBINGS settled in Cheltenham in 1817. The wings provides for thirty-six beds. The amount of the bequest was £28,000.

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AT a meeting of the committee of the Samaritan Hospital, Belfast, held on September 18th, some amended rules, chiefly with the object of raising money, were passed. It was reported that the attendance of extern patients had been about the same as last year. Seventy-two intern patients had been treated, the majority being surgical cases, and thirty-seven operations had been performed.

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ON Friday last a South Shields man, a watchmaker by trade, died with choleraic symptoms after four days' illness. Upon his symptoms becoming grave he was removed to the infectious diseases hospital, where he died and was buried without delay. It is stated that he ate some foreign fruit the day preceding his fatal illness. Dr. GEORGE MURRAY made a bacteriological examination and pronounced the case to be one of undoubted Asiatic cholera.

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A SPECIAL effort is now being made for the erection of a more extensive hospital than the present Mater Infirmorum. The frontage will be 220ft. long, and it is intended to erect a very fine building, the cost being estimated at from £25,000 to £30,000. In the new hospital, whilst all suffering

people will be eligible for admission, arrangements will be made for the reception of paying patients. A most healthy site has been secured for the promised edifice. The new Mater Infirmorum Hospital will contribute materially to meet the present want of hospital accommodation in Belfast.

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ON Tuesday, September 19th, the foundation stone of a new infirmary for the Guisborough Workhouse was laid. The building will contain forty-two beds and will be so constructed that the male wards will be on one side and the female wards on the other, with accommodation for the Nurses in the centre. Each ward is to be provided with bath room, lavatory, water closet and Hospital sink. Externally the building will be faced with red brick. Iron stairs will be fixed at both ends of the building. Two spacious yards containing flower beds will also be provided. The total cost is estimated at £3,235.

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THE arrangement made by the London County Council with Dr. KLEIN for the bacteriological examination of doubtful or suspicious cases of cholera in the metropolis is, says the *Lancet*, eminently satisfactory. We understand that the County Council has entered into communication with the various medical officers of health with a view to obtaining early information of suspicious cases, and submitting them to complete investigation, and we may fairly hope that, in consequence of these arrangements, not only will Londoners gain the advantage of the earliest possible warning of danger, but that, by keeping careful watch over the very inception of an epidemic, some valuable information may be obtained regarding the relation between Asiatic cholera and the preceding diarrhoea which so often heralds its outbreaks, and on the early treatment of which practical men always lay such stress.

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ATTENTION is directed by the *Lancet* to a serious deficiency of accommodation for patients suffering from fever in Paisley. It seems, from a letter which has been published by Dr. F. SHEARAR, that this want of accommodation has led to a loss of control of the outbreak of enteric fever which prevails in Paisley at the present time. There have been 270 cases, with 27 deaths, and the disease continues to spread. "Meanwhile," says Dr. SHEARAR, "we seem to be losing hold, too, of scarlet fever, and laying the foundation of an epidemic of that disease as well; whilst if cholera

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