

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Prince of WALES in proposing the health of the QUEEN at the Festival Dinner in aid of the Middlesex Hospital last Friday, said her Majesty had been a subscriber of 100 guineas to the Hospital ever since her accession to the throne. The appeal for this excellent charity was responded to by the promise of nearly £6,000.

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THE Duchess of Albany has graciously consented to present the certificates awarded to ladies after the Lent Lectures on Domestic Hygiene at the Sanitary Institute.

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MISS FLORENCE SMEDLEY has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street. Miss SMEDLEY was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, being elected a Probationer in 1884. In 1887, after passing a brilliant examination, she was awarded the Gold Medal, and was, later on, promoted to the position of Sister of Darker Ward, in which she proved herself to be not only a good organizer but an excellent teacher. In 1893, Miss SMEDLEY was appointed Matron to the Parkwood Convalescent Home at Swanley, in which position she has gained the highest commendation from the responsible authorities for the efficient manner in which she has performed her duties. Miss SMEDLEY is a Registered Nurse, and a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and had a seat on the Executive Committee, as representing Ward Sisters, before her appointment as Matron.

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As we have previously reported, great numbers of applications were received for the Great Ormond Street post, and the committee of selection are to be congratulated upon the fact that they have chosen a lady who has passed through, with distinction, a complete curriculum of training, who holds a three years' certificate, and who has gained the special knowledge necessary to train, supervise, and control the Nurses placed under her direction. It is quite time that a definite standard of training and proficiency for Matronship should be demanded by the Committees of our Hospitals as a guarantee to the subscribers who maintain these charities, that these posts are bestowed on the best candidate irrespective of interest.

MISS AGNES OWEN, who was lately appointed Sister-in-Charge of the Hospital for Diseases of the Throat, resigned after about a week. She has been succeeded by Miss BYWATER, who was trained at King's College Hospital, and who has lately held the position of Sister at The Hospital for Women, Soho Square.

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MISS EDITH C. MELLOR has been appointed Matron of the Wellington District Cottage Hospital. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's and the General Hospital, Bristol. Miss MELLOR is a Registered Nurse, and a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

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MISS AMELIA CHAPMAN LAWSON has been appointed Charge-Nurse of the Maternity Block of the Sheffield Union Infirmary. She was trained at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, where she was promoted to the position of Sister. Miss LAWSON is a Registered Nurse, and a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association. We chronicle with much pleasure the promotion of so many of our professional colleagues.

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AN interesting ceremony took place on Saturday, at 82, Margaret Street, when Miss ALICIA BROWNE, so well known and beloved both at Barts. and the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, where she was Lady Superintendent for some years, was fully professed as a Sister of All Saints, under the name of Sister Lucy Alicia. It is probable that her rare nursing qualifications may in the future prove of excellent service in those Institutions which are nursed by this Sisterhood, of which one is University College Hospital.

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LORD COURTENAY, Local Government Inspector, has concluded an inquiry at Newton Abbot into the grave complaints which have been brought against the management of the local Workhouse by Nurse ALICE HINTON, a member of the Workhouse Nursing Association.

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NOT often is so rich a tribute paid to the memory of a public man as has been bestowed on one who has just been snatched from a life of usefulness to the State, and the almost affectionate regard of a wide circle of devoted and admiring friends. Lord BOWEN was a man of conspicuous merit as a lawyer and a scholar; but his claim to greatness does not only, or even mainly, rest on the qualities he displayed in those capacities. That he was still more conspicuous for his personal worth and nobility of character, is conceded by all his friends; that a man who was neither weak nor obscure should have no enemies, implies more than could be expressed in many words.

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