

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR



We referred last week to the efforts that have been made by Miss LOUISA TWINING and others, not only to raise the tone of Workhouse administration, but to introduce the spirit of charity and kindness into the treatment of the inmates, especially the aged. To this end, a Workhouse Attendants' Association has been formed under the patronage of H.R.H. Princess CHRISTIAN, and the presidency of the Countess of MEATH, with many distinguished Vice Presidents, among whom we are glad to notice the name of the Rev. J. W. HORSLEY, late Chaplain of Holloway Gaol. Again, on the General Committee appear the names of Mrs. BURDON SANDERSON, wife of the well-known Oxford Professor, and Mrs. ARNOLD TOYNBEE, widow of the great reformer; besides a number of Poor-Law Guardians. The Association is formed to introduce Trained Attendants into the Wards for the Aged and Infirm, Epileptics and Imbeciles, and Infants in Workhouses. At present this important work falls upon Wardsmen and Wardswomen chosen from among the inmates. The Association "trains, in well-managed Institutions, women to take charge of these Wards who will, while adding considerably to the bodily comfort of the Inmates, raise their moral and religious tone. The Countess of MEATH has paid for the training of the first six suitable Probationers." The Hon. Sec., Miss LEE, writes to us:—"This Association was formed in November last year, and is now making progress. Many applications have been received for our Trained Attendants. Those attendants already placed in such situations are giving satisfaction."

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THE Metropolitan Cathedral of St. Paul is magnificent, and we saw the grand interior as it appeared last week on the Eve of St. Luke's Day. All the seats beneath the dome were crowded, there being gathered there a large number of medical men, accompanied by their wives and sisters, and a very fair sprinkling of Nurses. At half-past seven, the organ pealed forth "Christ is made the sure Foundation," and the procession was formed from the Vestry, proceeding half way down the cathedral, and then up the middle into the choir stalls. The service was fully choral, and was rendered with admirable effect by the London Gregorian Choral Association, the "Gloria" being accompanied not only by the organ but by trumpets as well. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Canon BROWNE, who took as his text, "Lord, what is man." He said that

students of medical science—in some ways the most material form of natural science—are at the same time students, if they did but know it, of one of the most developed and advanced forms of natural religion. In referring to the work of Nurses, he said:—"A Nurse attends the sick with that tender care which it is given to her sex to know. Instinctively and naturally her presence soothes even without a single word or glance. But she doubles, she trebles, she infinitely increases her power if through that simple gentle feminine ministrations there shines the spirituality of a soul aglow with love for Christ." "O what their joy and their glory must be," was taken as the final Processional Hymn.

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DR. LAUDER BRUNTON delivered, last week, the Harveian Oration before the Royal College of Physicians. After referring to the late Sir ANDREW CLARK, and his life-work, not only as shown in his writings, but in his influence on his contemporaries, the lecturer gracefully acknowledged Sir WILLIAM JENNER's medical labours as a clinician, and that in his honourable position as medical attendant upon the Sovereign and those nearest and dearest to her, he was a worthy successor of HARVEY. In conclusion, he exhorted those present to search by experiment into Nature's secrets, especially where results are promised of practical value. He appealed to the Fellows to work energetically together, and with fraternal love and care, and take as their motto:—

"Let us then be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labour and to wait."

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THE following Lectures and Demonstrations will be given during next week under the direction of the Sanitary Institute in Margaret Street:—

Monday, 29th.—"Ventilation, Warming and Lighting."  
—Sir DOUGLAS GALTON, K.C.B., D.C.L., LL.D., F.R.S.

Wednesday, 31st.—Inspection and Demonstration of the East London Soap Works, Bow, E.

Wednesday, 31st.—"Principles of calculating Areas, Cubic Space, &c.; Interpretation of Plans and Sections to Scale." H. LAW, M.Inst.C.E.

Friday, November 2nd.—"Water Supply, Drinking Water, Pollution of Water." J. WALLACE PEGGS, Assoc.M.Inst.C.E.

Saturday, 3rd.—Inspection and Demonstration of the Wimbledon Sewage Works, at 3 p.m., conducted by C. H. COOPER, Assoc.M.Inst., Engineer and Surveyor Wimbledon Local Board.

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THE Council of the Sanitary Institute have arranged for a second course of free public lectures on the "Sanitation of Industries and Occupations," to be delivered by well-known authorities, as they think

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