

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE QUEEN has presented a handsomely-framed portrait of herself to the Herbert (military) Hospital, Woolwich. The portrait, which has been hung outside the main entrance to the chapel, is inscribed with the words, "Presented to the Herbert Hospital by H.M. the Queen, 1895."

The Queen has consented to patronise the National Bazaars which are to be held in various centres on behalf of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

The Prince of Wales has appointed Lord Knutsford director and chairman of the St. John's Ambulance Association, in place of Lord Sandhurst, now Governor of Bombay.

Princess Christian of Schleswig-Holstein, after attending the confirmation ceremony at the German Lutheran Church at Dalston, last Sunday, visited the German Hospital, accompanied by Baron and Baroness Schröder.

St. Mary's Hospital has just received through Mr. George Herring, a further donation of £300 from the Baron de Hirsch.

Dr. Marian Hunter and Dr. G. B. Jacoby were amongst the four selected candidates for the appointment of medical officer for the Holborn Union Schools at Mitcham. But the Guardians finally did not choose a woman to take the medical charge of the children.

An influential committee is being formed to raise a fund to perpetuate the memory of the late Dr. Hack Tuke by a prize medal or other means for the encouragement of the study of psychological medicine.

Dr. Francis Warner is announced to give a course of six lectures on Observation of Children in School, by the kind permission of Mrs. Franklin, at 10, Airlie Gardens, Campden Hill, beginning on May 15th at 3 p.m. The syllabus is interesting, dealing as it does with the classification of children from the point of view of education and training. Dr. Warner will deal with postures and movements as signs of brain condition, intelligence, sleep, study, irritability, fatigue, nervousness, defects of speech and many kindred subjects, which should certainly form a part of every mother's education.

A Bacteriological Institute has been opened at Leicester which should prove very useful to medical men in the Midlands as giving them an opportunity of carrying on original research in connection with the etiology of disease. It proposes also to provide instruction to medical men and advanced students in bacteriology, and to prepare, supply and test any protective or curative material. The staff also undertakes the examination of discharges or morbid growths.

The International Health Exhibition being held at Manchester from April 22nd to May 11th is proving very attractive and interesting. The Committee is a very powerful one, and given good local organisation, which is likely to be the case as the arrangements are largely in the hands of the Manchester and Salford Sanitary Association, the affair should pass off well.

The Society for the National Registration of Plumbers has also a prominent position in the working of the Exhibition, and a special Conference of District Councillors has been arranged with a view to impress these new bodies with the important bearing that skilful plumbing has on public health.

The Sanitation of Elementary Schools is another subject which is being fully dealt with from all the points of lighting, ventilation, draining and heating. All who have a knowledge of the terrible hygienic deficiencies of village elementary schools, the want of cleanliness, the dustiness and general mal-odourousness and overcrowding of these "fountain heads of learning," will devoutly hope that the gentlemen engaged in this discussion will come to some simple and economical conclusion as to the way in which the difficulty can be coped with.

The Scotch elementary school is a model by comparison with ours in England. A spotlessness of cleanliness is there the rule, although it certainly cannot be said that the Scotch pay as much attention to household cleanliness as do the English; nor do they have such frequent turns-out and spring cleanings as are epidemic with us at certain seasons of the year. But between the Scotch and English village schools, so far as hygienic conditions go, there can be no comparison.

The value of popular Health Exhibitions in educating the public on Sanitary questions cannot be denied, although it is generally necessary to add frivolities and fripperies to make displays of drain-pipes and plumbers' fittings acceptable to the lay mind.

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