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Reflections
FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Queen has forwarded to Miss E. Ware 50 lb. of cost linen for use in the mission Hospitals of the Church Missionary Society. It is proposed to divide the gift among the different Hospitals in India, China, Egypt, Palestine, and Persia. Miss Ware is the hon. secretary of the Linen Rag Society, a small special auxiliary of the Church Missionary Society.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have intimated their intention to be present at the 30th anniversary of Dr. Barnardo's Homes, to be held at the Royal Albert Hall on a date in June or July to be subsequently determined by their Royal Highnesses.

The Prince of Wales has appointed Sir William MacCormac Medical Officer in Chief of the St. John Ambulance Brigade.

In connection with the forthcoming visit of the Duke and Duchess of York to Lancashire, it is stated that his Royal Highness has declined the freedom of the borough, but will accept an address of welcome and an album of photographs of interesting places in the neighbourhood. During their stay the Duke and Duchess of York will visit Lancaster Castle and the Royal Albert Asylum, and drive through the Williamson Park.

Prince Christian has consented to attend the festival dinner of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, which is to take place at the Hotel Metropole, on Tuesday, May 26th.

The annual Amateur Art Exhibition will be held at the end of May or the beginning of June for the benefit of the Parochial Mission Women's Fund, the East London Nursing Society, and the East London Girls' Friendly Club rooms.

The Duchess of Connaught has fixed June 23rd as the date for the opening of the bazaar to be held at the Queen's Hall, Langham Place, in aid of the North Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road.

The British Medical Journal inserts the following: "M.D. (Edinburgh) writes: Some three months ago I was rung up about 1 a.m. by a man who complained of violent toothache, when the following dialogue ensued: 'Patient: I want chloroform. Doctor: Without proper preparation and a doctor to apply it this is impossible. Patient: Then I want gas. Doctor: I am a medical man, not a dentist, and do not in my house have the appliances necessary. Patient: Gas. Have you not a meter? I think that this story may be interesting to the profession at large."

The Prince of Looz-Corswarem, who was tried at Brussels for forgery and swindling, has been acquitted on the grounds of "hereditary degeneracy." We suppose this disease will take the place of the time-worn "kleptomania."

Residents in Johannesburg are suffering from an epidemic of typhoid fever and dysentery of a most serious character. Dr. Visser, the health officer, states that never in his experience has there been so much typhoid in the town as at the present moment. The hospital is over-crowded with epidemic cases, and 150 extra beds are wanted. The outbreak, if it is legally, is due to impure water, owing to the prolonged drought, and also to bad milk.