

**Reflections**

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE QUEEN has forwarded to Miss E. Ware 50lb. of cast 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 Lancaster to open the new Infirmary, 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 Albert Orphan Asylum on May 21st, presided over by the Duke of York.

An admirable suggestion was recently made by the Rev. D. L. Evans, of the Walsall and District Hospital, when he wished the working men (and no doubt this meant to include the women) of the town to be specially asked to come to the formal opening of the new buildings connected with the Hospital. In such districts as Walsall large collections are taken up in shops and factories, and it is perfectly right that the working people who help so largely in this way to keep up such Hospitals should be considered and invited to see how their money is spent. At all Hospital openings we should like to see more working people.

Eight children's dances and twelve dances for adults have been arranged to be given in aid of the funds of the Sussex County Hospital.

The Convalescent Home at Worthing, known as the Thomas Banting Memorial, meets the necessities of poor gentlewomen only, a class of persons who really need, from the small number of Institutions providing for their wants, such help and sympathy as this excellent Home affords. Applicants, particularly schoolmistresses, governesses, and relatives of farmers, master-tradesmen, schoolmasters, and tutors, and private persons, are requested to state such facts as will show that they are accustomed to associate with such ladies as are intended to be admitted. This

is especially required of relatives of "merchants," or other traders, as only the better classes are intended. Each lady has a separate bed room. The domestic comforts are in every respect those of a private gentleman's family. The whole of the household expenses (including laundress, and medical attendance, if required) are provided by the Trustees, so that the only cost to a Convalescent will be her travelling expenses. So that the Home is a great boon to gentlewomen partly recovered from serious illness, who are in need of sea air, tonic and change for complete restoration to health.

The Duchess of Teck is to open a grand sale of work and floral exhibition at Holborn Town Hall on March 10th, and the sale will be continued on the two following days. The Committee of the Flower Girls' Christian Mission hope by this means to raise a main part of £5,000 for building and furnishing three holiday homes at Clacton—one for deaf and dumb children, one for those who are blind, and one for cripples. Contributions in money or in goods for the stalls are solicited, and may be sent to the Secretary at the Mission House, Clerkenwell Close, E.C.

Lord Charles Bruce has consented to preside at the festival dinner of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, which is to take place at the Hôtel Métropole, 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 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 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 Loos-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 zymotic cases, and 150 extra beds are wanted. The outbreak, it is alleged, is due to impure water, owing to the prolonged drought, and also to bad milk.

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