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Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

THE QUEEN has been pleased to sanction the following appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:-To be Lady of Justice : Alice, Countess of Lathom. To be Knights of Grace : Mr. Arthur James Richens Trendell, C.M.G. Sir William Mac-Cormac, F.R.C.S. Samuel Osborn, F.R.C.S. To be Lady of Grace : Vere, Viscountess Galway.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge has promised to open, at Bethlehem Hospital, on June 9th, at three o'clock, the new Recreation Hall, which has recently been erected by the Governors.

The Duchess of Connaught has consented to lay the foundation-stone of a Hospital for Aldershot in July. Her Royal Highness will on that occasion receive purses with donations for the building, which will cost £3,000. At present the town, with a population of 17,000, has no Hospital available for the many cases of accident that occur, and those needing Hospital treatment have to undergo the suffering and danger of a railway journey.

A Ladies' Committee has been formed, under the presidency of the Countess of Lathom, to issue purses to ladies and children willing to collect five guineas and upwards for presentation to the Duchess of York at the fête to be held at the Middlesex Hospital on July 1st, in aid of the Seaside Convalescent Home, which will be opened at that date.

The Council of the Sanitary Institute have accepted an invitation from the City and County of Newcastleupon-Tyne to hold a Sanitary Congress and Health Exhibition in that city in the autumn of this year.

The total number of cases of small-pox at Gloucester since the commencement of the epidemic is just over 1,766.

The Committee of the University College Hospital have received a new annual subscription of £100 from the Dowager Lady Howard de Walden towards the funds of that Institution.

Mr. George Herring, having undertaken to give a sum equal to one-third of the amount sent in response to Lord Rathmore's appeal for the North-West London Hospital, Kentish Town Road, has now contributed $\pounds_{1,000}$ in the hope that the amount at present subscribed ($\pounds_{2,800}$) will be increased to $\pounds_{3,000}$.

The 100th anniversary of the discovery of vaccination by Dr. Jenner was celebrated last Friday evening in Berlin.

The Bazaar, opened on Monday at St. Martin's Town Hall, for the benefit of the Eye Hospital, had some very interesting theatrical celebrities as stallholders, among them being Mrs. Patrick Campbell, Mr. Arthur Roberts, and Miss Fanny Brough. In the Health Section of the Cardiff Exhibition a model Hospital is fitted up, and the daily working and routine is shown. Lectures on First Aid to the Injured are also being arranged.

The Council of the Hospital Sunday Fund desire it to be stated, before Hospital Sunday, June 14th, that they do not give their sanction to or approval of boxes being carried about the streets soliciting donations in aid of this fund. The proper places for making collections are the several places of public worship, to which payments by those unable to attend may be sent. Payments may also be made direct to the Lord Mayor, who is the treasurer of the fund, at the Mansion House.

The Yarrow Home at Broadstairs, founded by Mr. Yarrow, of torpedo-boat fame, for the use of children of others than those of the poorer class, is situated about 500 yards from the sea, of which it has an uninterrupted view, is surrounded by large gardens and play grounds of 10½ acres, has a staff of certificated Nurses, and is furnished substantially and prettily, even to the pictures on the walls. No subscriptions are asked from the public, Mr. Yarrow bearing the whole expense of construction and maintenance (excepting only the nominal charges alluded to below), this amounting to an expenditure of something over £200,000, including a trust fund now being established to insure the proper carrying on of the "Home." To render the Home more acceptable to the class for whom it is intended, a nominal sum of 5s. per week is required with each child received.

The Safety of Nurse Children Bill, which has passed the second reading in the Lords, has been promoted by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, and aims at minimising the dangers and horrors of the "putting-out-to-nurse" system.

It was an admirable idea to induce some of the leading London clubs to raise $\pounds_{1,000}$ each for endowing a bed in Guy's Hospital. The required amount has already been raised at White's, the Bachelors', and the Turf. The bed, of course, will take the name of the club that endows it. At the Reform and the Carlton the movement is being pushed forward.

Sir Alexander Mackenzie, the Lieut.-Governor, is taking very active measures for remodelling and enlarging the European Hospital at Calcutta, where, in spite of very discouraging conditions, very admirable medical and nursing work has been carried on for some years.

The Exhibition arranged last year by the proprietors of the *British and Colonial Druggist* was such a great success that another similar one is to be arranged in August of this year. That it was a very popular Exhibition is shown by the fact that it was visited in four days by over 19,000 persons.

Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds Company have just received two further tributes to the excellence of their preparations. At the General Trades, Food, Cookery, and Industrial Exhibition at Accrington, Messrs. Jeyes have received a diploma of merit, and the *Science Siftings* certificate of merit has also been conferred upon them, thus bringing the total number of their awards to the gratifying total of 89.



