

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Government has appointed a Commission "to inquire into the nature, causation, pathology, and modes of prevention (more particularly as affecting armies in the field) of dysentery, and its connection, if any, with enteric fever." The Commissioners are Professor Notter, of Netley, Professor W. J. Simpson, of King's College, and Major Bruce, R.A.M.C. Professor Notter and Professor Simpson are authorities on hygiene, and Major Bruce, who is now in South Africa, is an expert bacteriologist, and has done good service in the investigation of horse sickness.

The Worshipful Company of Drapers have forwarded their Annual Subscription of £1,000 to the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund.

The North Staffordshire Infirmary is to be provided with an electrical apparatus of the most modern description, including arrangements for electric baths, in order that this form of treatment may be used for patients suffering from the effects of lead poisoning. The sum of £150 to be expended on the apparatus has been subscribed, principally through the influence of Her Grace the Duchess of Sutherland.

A new cottage hospital, presented to Wellingborough by Miss Mary Woolston, a well-known lady resident; on condition that the town people gave some guarantee of providing a maintenance fund, was opened on Saturday by Miss Woolston and the Marquis of Northampton. The building, which is erected on a site of four acres given by Mr. W. G. Woolston, of London, and a native of Wellingborough, cost between £2,000 and £3,000. The annual maintenance fund, estimated at £600, has been assured.

The town of Thorne, near Hull, is to have an Isolation Hospital, and apparently it is much needed. So far the Thorne District Council, conjointly with the Isle of Axholme Rural District Council, has carried on the Belton Hospital, which is several miles away from the town, and which is placed in charge of a caretaker. A local paper gives the following account of a patient suffering from small-pox, who was sent to this hospital. "A keelman arrived at Thorne from Hull, and was found to be suffering from the malady. What could

be done? The nuisance inspector was called to take charge of the case. He did his best under the circumstances. The hospital was miles away, but the inspector was obliged to take the patient there immediately. There should have been a caretaker there, but so seldom were his services required, that he was not prepared to take the man in. In fact, when the two arrived in the dead of night the door of the hospital was fastened. The inspector burst it open, and then made an unsuccessful search for fuel to make a fire. For hours he was left with the patient before proper arrangements were made. The patient succumbed to the disease, and then there was an outcry."

At the International Health Congress held in Paris, M. Sormani recommended that in hospitals built on the pavilion principle, the longer axis of the buildings should be from north to south, in order to give the

greatest amount of sunshine. M. Pützeys (Belgium) said that in Belgium no such general proposition would be accepted, because it was necessary to take into consideration the prevailing direction of the wind, which differed in different localities. Dr. Mansel Howe presented a communication on the importance of good plumbers' work in maintaining sanitary conditions in dwelling-houses, and concluded with a resolution that only plumbers possessing certificates of competency from some properly constituted body of experts should be entrusted with the execution of plumbing work in connexion with the sanitary arrangements of houses. This was adopted.

British firms are carrying off some of the prizes at the Paris Exhibition.

Messrs. Down Bros., of 21, St. Thomas's Street, Borough, S.E., the well-known surgical instrument makers, have obtained the grand prix in Class 16, Medicine and Surgery, for their exhibit of surgical instruments and aseptic hospital furniture. The Jury, which was composed of medical men, was an international one. Mr. George Vickers, of Angel Court, 172, Strand, has also obtained the highest award for his exhibit of inks, known as Vickers' Inks.

Apropos of wounds in battle, a German Army surgeon has had the weird idea of calculating what would be the cost of repairing and reconstructing a man maimed in every conceivable particular. His bill, in English money, is as follows: False arms, £29; false legs, £28; false nose, £20; false ears, with artificial drums, £26; set of false teeth, £18; glass eyes, £6 total, £127. Not a long bill considering the result achieved!



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