

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Queen has consented to allow one of the new wards of the Boscombe Hospital, Bournemouth, which has been erected at a cost of about £10,000, to be named "The Empress Victoria Ward." Her Majesty has also signified her approval of the hospital being called "The Royal Boscombe and West Hants Hospital."

Sir W. Huggins, succeeds as President of the Royal Society Lord. Lister, who has held the office during the past five years.

Last year Sir William published a handsome record of his observations at Tulse-hill, in which he pays Lady Huggins the compliment of describing her as his "able and enthusiastic assistant." A considerable share in the book was, in fact, hers.

The annual meeting of the Hospital Saturday Fund was held at the Mansion House on Saturday afternoon, the Lord Mayor presiding. His lordship, in opening the proceedings, commented with satisfaction upon the interest evinced by the working classes in the movement. The annual report was presented by Mr. R. D. Acland. It stated that the total amount collected for the year ended in October last was £12,695, a decrease as compared with 1899, when the total was £20,219. Since October 27th, however, the amount received was £500, as compared with £350 received during the corresponding period of last year. The working expenses, which had amounted to about 11 per cent., had been lower than those of any previous year. The report was adopted.

By the will of the late Mr. Richard Smith, of 6, Marlborough Hill, St. John's Wood, the Metropolitan Ear, Nose, and Throat Hospital will benefit to the extent of about £25,000. This is a windfall.

At a recent meeting of the Lambeth Guardians the disposal of the bodies of paupers to the School of Anatomy of St. Thomas' Hospital, was brought up, allegations by a member having been made that human legs were sold to students at 9s. each, and other limbs and portions of corpses, were purchased at the school at proportionate prices. The Guardians have since received the following satisfactory letter from Mr. B. G. Parsons, F.R.C.S., licensed teacher of anatomy at St. Thomas's Hospital, in reply to allegations of dissecting scandals recently made:—

"In answer to your letter to the steward of this hospital, I beg to inform you that a burial service is read over the remains of bodies which have been dissected. They are all treated in the same way as parish cases which have not undergone anatomical examination, that is to say, the friends and relatives, if any, assemble in the church to hear the service, after which they proceed to the grave for the committal of the body. I should like to assure your guardians that I am fully aware of my responsibility to them for the proper treatment of bodies placed in my charge."

## New Preparations, Inventions, etc.

## COOK'S SOAP.

WE have had submitted to us for our approval specimens of the various soaps manufactured by Messrs. Edward Cook and Co., Ltd., and our experience of them justifies our cordial recommendation of them to the attention of our readers. The firm has obtained no less than six gold and silver prize medals at great exhibitions for the purity of their soaps, a fact which in itself is no mean testimony. We have found their "Throne" Toilet Soap, and their Pure Toilet Soaps (more especially the "Riviera" brand) delightful in use, as they are daintily perfumed, are very emollient, and lather freely in hard London water. We understand that their "Savon de Luxe" is made of materials so pure and sweet that it is edible immediately before being used; but this fact, we must admit, we have not put to the test. Other varieties are Cook's Eucalyptus Soap, which is useful to persons who suffer from sudden catarrh, and the Lavender Soap, which is most delicately scented.

We must specially direct attention to Cook's Antiseptic Soap, which has strong germicidal properties. It is therefore greatly to be recommended to nurses for their personal use when attending any case of infectious disease, for the same reason it may be beneficially used, under medical direction, in cases of patients desquamating from scarlet fever. Another specialty of this firm is Cook's "Hygienic" Tooth Soap, which is pleasant to use, dissolves tartar, and prevents decay. Any, or all, of the Soaps may be obtained from the leading chemists and grocers, or on receipt of a post-card to Edward Cook and Co., Ltd., Soap Specialists, London (Contractors to Her Majesty's Government), they will furnish the name of the nearest retail dealer.

## COLMAN'S MEDICAL MUSTARD BRAN.

Our attention has been drawn to Colman's Medical Mustard Bran, and a medical expert informs us that it is a most useful and efficacious preparation. It has the advantage of taking up and retaining nearly double the quantity of water absorbed by Linseed Meal. It also has a mild counter-irritant effect, which prevents the poultice from feeling cold and clammy to the patient as it cools. We have pleasure in directing notice to this preparation, which is sold by all the principal chemists and druggists in 7 lb. to 1 lb. packets, or may be obtained from J. and J. Colman, Ltd., 108, Cannon Street, E.C.

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