

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



A City company has offered the sum of £1,000 to the London School of Tropical Medicine towards the expenses of a scientific expedition to Christmas Island for the investigation of beri-beri. Sir John Murray has offered to contribute £100 for the same purpose, and there is reason to believe that the Colonial Office will also make a grant in aid of the expedition.

The prompt action of Dr. Newman, Medical Officer of Health for Finsbury, is much to be commended. He was called to the case of a patient who had recently come from a hop farm at Bodian, in Sussex, and who was certified as suffering from chicken pox, but who he found had, in reality, malignant small-pox.

He immediately reported the case to the proper authorities, and it was agreed to intercept all people coming from Bodian. A medical man was detailed to each of the following stations—Charing Cross, Cannon Street, Waterloo, London Bridge, and New Cross, and every person from the Bodian district was stopped and examined at each of these stations. As a proof of the onerous nature of the task, it may be mentioned that no less than 700 were examined by Dr. Newman at New Cross alone. Amongst the arrivals at Cannon Street by the nine o'clock train Dr. Evan Jones discovered five children who were destined for Clerkenwell, all suffering from small pox.

The parents protested strongly against their detention, and at one time the attitude of the hop pickers was so threatening that it was necessary to obtain the assistance of the City police. The patients were then moved to the Ambulance Station of the Asylums Board, and all their belongings as well as those of their relatives, were sent to the disinfecting station. The names of all the passengers from Bodian were taken, so that they may be watched.

The sanitary staff of Finsbury are greatly to be congratulated upon their prompt action. They have thus dealt with what would undoubtedly have become the nucleus of a serious epidemic. All the cases, after being kept under observation for some hours, were removed to the hospital ships.

In view of the outbreak of small-pox in the Metropolis, the prevalence of scarlet fever and diphtheria has been somewhat overlooked, but it is nevertheless true that we are experiencing one of the most serious epidemics of scarlet fever and diphtheria that we have had for years. The Asylums Board has come to the end of its accommodation, and cases are awaiting admission.

The *Temps* announces that the fort of Noisy-le-Sec is being transformed into a hospital. The work will occupy about three months, and the building will then provide 350 beds. These will be allotted to the convalescents of the two principal hospitals in Paris.

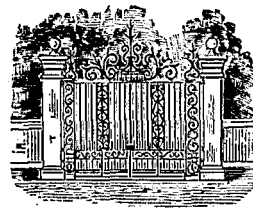
New Preparations, Inventions, etc.

ALLENBURYS' FOODS.

We have on more than one occasion called the attention of trained nurses, and especially of those engaged in children's work, to the extreme value of the Foods for Infants prepared by Messrs. Allen & Hanburys. It is interesting to observe that the high opinion formed of these preparations in Great Britain is being cordially endorsed by observers in other countries. Our attention has recently been drawn to a pamphlet by Dr. Bernard Bendix, of the Royal Charité Hospital, Berlin, in which a careful report is made concerning the constitution of and the results obtained from the administration of Allenburys' Foods to children enfeebled from various causes. He notes, as others have done, that the Food "was assimilated by the infant child in exactly the same degree and manner as is the mother's natural milk," and adds that this is a fact which he has "never before observed in my many other experiments with either diluted or undiluted cow's milk, or any other milk preparation put upon the market." Again he observes that "the infant likes to take this food," that "it agrees with it," and further that "one is well justified in saying that Allenburys' Milk Foods occupy a front place in the long series of food preparations for infants." Finally, he recommends these foods especially in cases of acute disorders of the bowels, and also as a food for healthy children who do not seem to thrive on simple diluted cow's milk. With all these opinions, and as the result of practical experience of these foods, we very cordially agree.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



The first organized Congress of progressive women held in Germany met recently in the Reichstag building under the presidency of Frau Cauar. The Congress was organized by a central union formed of women's associations two years ago for the better

prosecution of their aims.

The President in her opening address referred to women's suffrage as one of the great aims of the union, as was also the endeavour to secure to women a worthier position in the State.

She also deplored the fact that women citizens were admitted to the national Reichstag merely as guests in an upper room, and spoke confidently of the time when they would sit downstairs, shoulder to shoulder with the male representatives of the constituencies, to deliberate on the best manner of furthering the weal of the people.

Speeches and discussions of topics interesting to women workers were, says the correspondent of the *Morning Leader*, conducted in a moderate and scientific manner by well-known lady advocates of the cause, who proved their entire capability of tackling their subjects.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)