

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King of Denmark has created Lord Lister, on the occasion of his Jubilee, a Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Dannebrog.

Signor Marconi, says the Rome correspondent of the *Chronicle*, is reported to have made during his late residence at Bologna an important scientific discovery which enables him to decompose air at hardly any expense and produce pure oxygen. The discovery is stated to be almost accidental whilst the electrician was engaged in other researches.

At a general court of Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital held last week, Dr. Norman Moore was elected one of the physicians, in the place of Sir William Selby Church, resigned, and Mr. W. Bruce Clarke was appointed one of the surgeons, in the place of Mr. Henry T. Butlin, resigned.

The Hon. W. F. D. Smith, M.P., will preside at a festival dinner in aid of the East London Hospital for Children to be held in the Whitehall Rooms, Hôtel Métropole, on Monday, May 4th, when he will make an appeal for £2,000 in new annual subscriptions and for the £20,000 required to provide additional ward and domestic accommodation and to effect various improvements in the buildings.

A market fête was held last week at the Concert Hall, Blackheath, on behalf of the Countess of Dufferin's Fund for supplying female medical relief to the women of India. We hope it may result in a substantial addition to the resources of this excellent Fund.

Orders have been issued that two qualified chiropodists, who are to be non-commissioned officers, are to form part of every infantry battalion.

Agra House, Tunbridge Wells, was opened last week by Lady Sybil de Vere Brassey as a Home for Incurable Children in connection with the National Waifs' Association. This is the one hundred and second branch of Dr. Barnardo's well-known institutions.

The following story is being told at the expense of an East Anglian town councillor. The councillor is a member of the Finance Committee, and one of the bills which came up for payment was for ribbons for the typewriter. "She might be a very nice girl," he objected, "but why should she be provided with finery at the expense of the rates?"

In Norfolk it is customary to speak of attending a funeral as "following" the remains. A young medical man from London who had taken a practice in Norfolk was sadly nonplussed the other morning on receiving a letter from a disconsolate widow announcing the death of her husband, and adding as a postscript: "We all hope you will follow him."

The family of Sir Thomas Glen-Coats, the well-known Paisley manufacturer, has given £10,000 to the London cancer research scheme, £5,000 being from Sir T. Glen-Coats and family, and £5,000 from Mr. Archibald Coats and his two brothers. Sir Thomas has also given £1,000 to the Paisley Consumption Sanatorium.

Messrs. Archibald, Daniel, and Peter Coats, of Paisley, have presented £1,000 to the Endowment Fund of the Romsey Nursing Home and Cottage Hospital, which was opened by Princess Henry of Battenberg to celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The gift was made through Major Spencer, Chichester, who is President of the institution.

The Glasgow Lunacy Board have opened two sanatoria at Gartloch and Woodilee for the accommodation and isolation of consumptive patients among the insane. The buildings will accommodate 162 patients, and are erected on the most modern lines of medical treatment. Each dormitory contains a spacious veranda to enable patients to be treated entirely in the open.

The movement in France to erect sanatoria for the treatment of tuberculosis is receiving generous support on patriotic grounds as one of the most practical means of raising the birth-rate. It is pointed out that Germany has sixty-four special dispensaries and sanatoria, while France has only two.

Tuberculosis is responsible for 12,000 deaths in Paris and 200,000 in France every year.

The Italian Red Cross Society has just completed a campaign of five months' duration against malarial fever in the Agro Romano. Those inhabitants who were treated by the injection of quinine all escaped the disease, while the treatment of first cases of malarial or of relapses from the disease appears to have been very successful. The total number of malarial cases treated is 3,065, and of other diseases 1,201. Professor Paolo Postempsty was in charge of the campaign, and thirty doctors were associated with him as well as thirty assistants.

The Khedive inaugurated in Cairo last week the first Egyptian International Congress of Medicine. One hundred and fifty doctors from foreign countries were present.

The hospital at Mengo has been destroyed by lightning, but, happily, all the patients have been saved. The hospital was opened in 1900 by Sir Harry Johnston, and was then the finest building in Uganda, its spires being visible for miles. It was 120 ft. long by 60 ft. wide, and contained over seventy beds. It was in charge of Dr. A. R. Cook, assisted by two other medical officers of the Church Missionary Society.

The St. Bride's Press, Ltd.—who are the proprietors of the *County Council Times*, the official organ of the county councils and of various educational associations—will publish on the first day of the New Year a weekly paper to be called *Education, Primary, Secondary and Technical*, which will deal mainly with the work of the authorities under the Education Bill.

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