

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Her Majesty the Queen has graciously permitted the sanatorium for English-speaking nationalities at Davos, of which she is the patron, to be called after her—the Queen Alexandra Sanatorium for Consumption.

A site for King Edward VII.'s sanatorium has been acquired from Lord Egmont at Lord's Common, Easbourne, six miles south of Haslemere, and about three from Midhurst. The site is 150 acres in extent.

Princess Henry of Battenberg, Patroness of the Colonial Nursing Association, has signified her intention of again being present this year at the annual meeting of the Association, which is to be held at Chelsea Hospital, on Thursday, June 11th, at 3.30 p.m. Earl Grey will preside, and Lord Selborne and Sir Harry Johnston will be among the speakers.

The Duke of Fife, as President of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, will take the chair at the annual Court of Governors on the 25th inst.

Sir R. M. Hensley has been re-elected chairman, and the Right Hon. J. G. Talbot, M.P., vice-chairman, of the Metropolitan Asylums Board.

The annual dinner of the Hospital Officers' Association was held at the Holborn Restaurant on Saturday evening. The President, Mr. Adrian Hope, was in the chair, supported by Mr. Lewis Glenton Kerr.

The sum of £1,000 has been received by the honorary treasurer of the Cancer Research Fund, under the direction of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and of Surgeons, from Mr. Henry Lewis, Florence.

The members of the Bachelors' Club have endowed a bed at St. George's Hospital in memory of twenty-eight members who were killed or died of wounds or disease in the South African War.

The season promises to be interesting, and in some respects exciting. The great ball at the Albert Hall on June 9th, in aid of the London Hospital, promises to be a sensational social success. According to the new fashion in such matters a great number of dinners will be given for it, the guests going on in parties to the ball.

At this ball, arranged by the Countess of Derby, the quadrilles will be one of the chief features of the night. Of all the quadrilles none will be prettier than that of the United Kingdom, when the rose of England, the thistle of Scotland, and the shamrock of Ireland will be prominent features. The American quadrille, too, is likely to be effective, the headdress consisting of a gorgeous scintillating star in the hair (which will probably be *poudre*) with the stars and stripes as sash. The French quadrille will also be of the *poudre* period, the headdress representing the styles of the reigns of the two Louis, while the Spanish quadrille will be undoubtedly the most picturesque.

Those children of the rich who are organised in an Association by "Levana" of the *Gentlewoman* to help the children of the poor met last week for their annual meeting, when Miss Beryl Harrison, aged four, handed a cheque for £300 to the representative of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, amid great cheers. As a proof that these children are organised to some purpose it may be mentioned that they have already endowed five cots in perpetuity at the Victoria Hospital, the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, the North-West Hospital, the Cheyne Hospital for Children, Chelsea, and the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C.

Lord Iveagh has signified his intention to make a donation amounting to nearly £40,000 to Trinity College, Dublin, in connection with the building and equipment of scientific laboratories.

The latest invention from Paris is a slot machine to bear the names of every malady, from a cold in the head to measles and lumbago. You put your money in the slot beneath the name of the disease you wish to cure, and as it falls down out rolls a little packet with a prescription neatly type-written, and a microscopic dose to be taken.

A curious surgical operation is reported from Dresden, where Dr. Hamel, who was attending a girl eight years of age who had lost the forefinger of her right hand, amputated the second toe of his patient's right foot and sewed it on to the stump of the missing finger. The two parts were then encased in plaster, and after three weeks it was found that the toe had become firmly attached, forming a good substitute for the finger.

A monument to the great physician Galileo Ferrares was unveiled at Turin last week in the presence of the Duke of Aosta, representing the King of Italy, and of the local authorities.

The ravages of plague are increasing to an alarming extent in Calcutta. During the week ending April 8th there were no less than 960 deaths from bubonic plague and 92 deaths from cholera in Calcutta. The weekly death-rate from plague in India is estimated at quite 40,000.

Wounded War Horses.

Addressing the men of the Duke of Wellington's Own West Riding Regiment recently at the Infantry Barracks, York, the Rev. F. Lawrence, Honorary Secretary of the Church Society for the Promotion of Kindness to Animals, said that the Geneva Convention, which secures protection for those who after a battle succour wounded soldiers, was inaugurated in 1864. It was now felt that not men only but animals also should enjoy the benefits of this Convention. The Swiss Federal Conference had invited representatives of the Great Powers to revise the terms of this agreement. An excellent opportunity was thus offered for pressing home the desirability of conferring protection upon those who mitigate or terminate the sufferings of wounded animals. At the close, Corporal Price, speaking on behalf of the men, expressed his hearty concurrence in the proposed extension of the terms of the Geneva Convention.

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