

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King has sent a life governor's donation of 30 guineas, and the Merchant Taylors Company a donation of 30 guineas, to the Royal Sea Bathing Infirmary, Margate.

The garden fête opened by Her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg at Elm Grove, Ventnor, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Olive, in aid of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption and the Royal Isle of Wight County Hospital, realised nearly £500.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany has consented to lay the memorial stone of the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children and Women on Thursday, October 22nd, and to receive purses during the ceremony.

Eight lady sanitary inspectors are now employed by the Dublin Corporation.

The Lord President of the Council has appointed the following gentlemen to make a preliminary inquiry into allegations that have been made concerning the physical deterioration of certain classes of the population:—

Almeric W. FitzRoy, Esq., C.V.O. (chairman).

Colonel G. M. Fox, C.B.

J. G. Legge, Esq.

H. M. Lindsell, Esq.

Colonel George T. Onslow, C.B., R.M.L.I.

John Struthers, Esq., C.B.

J. F. W. Tatham, Esq., M.D.

Mr FitzRoy is the Clerk of the Council; Colonel Fox was formerly head of the Gymnastic School of the Army; Mr. Legge is Chief Inspector of Reformatory and Industrial Schools; Mr. H. M. Lindsell is Principal Assistant Secretary to the Board of Education, Whitehall; Colonel Onslow is head of the Navy Recruiting Service; Mr. Struthers is an Assistant Secretary to the Scotch Education Department; and Dr. Tatham is Superintendent of Statistics in the Registrar-General's Office.

At the meeting of the Metropolitan Asylums Board on Saturday a letter was received from the Local Government Board stating that it had nominated Colonel J. Goldie, of 41, Charleville Road, West Kensington, to be a member of the Board until May 15th, 1904, to fill a vacancy caused by the death of Sir Vincent Kennett-Barrington. Colonel Goldie was present at the meeting, and was formally welcomed by the chairman. Subsequently he was appointed to a seat on the Hospitals Committee and to a seat on the Ambulance Committee.

Mr. W. Waldorf Astor has sent a cheque for £20,000 to the account of the Cancer Research Fund in response to the appeal made by the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour at the meeting on July 30th.

The medical expedition to the Congo, sent out by the King of the Belgians in conjunction with the

Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine to investigate cases of sleeping sickness and other tropical diseases, has sailed from Southampton on the Elder-Dempster liner *Albertville*. Prior to embarking the expedition, which consists of Drs. Dutton, Todd, and Christie, lunched with a number of commercial gentlemen and representatives of the Liverpool School of Medicine, Sir Alfred Jones also being present. The speeches referred to the importance of the research and the bravery of the members of the expedition, and practical aid was appealed for. Mr. Chamberlain telegraphed as follows:—"Wish all possible success to expedition of Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine about to be sent to Congo by King of Belgians." The Lord Mayor of Liverpool also sent greetings.

The following telegram was sent by Sir Alfred Jones to the King of the Belgians:—"Representatives of Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and others assembled at Southampton to bid farewell to the Congo Medical Expedition take opportunity of conveying thanks to your Majesty for your valuable assistance to science by co-operation in expedition."

In consequence of the Army Hospital Board's recent condemnation of military hospitals as cold and comfortable, an effort is being made by the authorities to improve them. The wards are to be brightened up and rugs are to be provided, while numerous little articles of ordinary household furniture and drapery are to be added to the stock of military hospitals.

The Earl of Coventry, Lord Lieutenant of Worcestershire, last week laid the foundation-stone of a lunatic asylum which the County Council is erecting near Bromsgrove at an estimated cost of £215,000. The present institution near Worcester, which provides for over one thousand patients, has proved inadequate, and the new building will accommodate 570, and is capable of being enlarged.

The total amount received in cash in response to the quinquennial appeal for the London Hospital was £125,368. The Lord Mayor's collection included in this amounted to £20,865.

Mr. Robert Bell, of Radley House, Winchester, bequeathed £180 to Charing Cross Hospital, £180 to the London Hospital, £180 to the Hants County Hospital, £180 to the London Ophthalmic Hospital, and £180 to the Royal Blind Pension Society, South wark Bridge Road.

Mr. George Coupland, of Hemswell Cliff, Lincoln, who died on May 27th, left an estate of the value of £70,696, including net personalty of £54,524. The bulk of his property he left to his wife for life or widowhood, and then for the establishment and maintenance of a hospital to be called the "John Coupland Hospital" for the relief of the poor in sickness in Gainsborough and the neighbouring parishes. The will further stated that should the testator leave any issue, then the bequest for a hospital was to be void and the ultimate residue of his property divided among them.

Mr. Richard Hawkins Beauchamp, of 46, Merrion Square, Dublin, whose estate has just been valued at

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