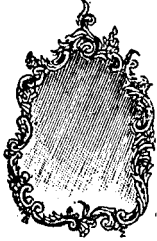


Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



On Thursday, July 4th, the Governors and staff of Guy's Hospital gave a garden party on the occasion of the distribution of prizes and medals to the students. Among those present were Sir Charles Fremantle, Sir William Cameron Gull, Mr. Cosmo Bonsor (Treasurer), most of the members of the Medical Staff and their wives, the Mayor of Bermondsey, Miss Swift (Matron), a number of representatives of the Guy's Hospital Ladies' Association, and a large gathering of past and present Guy's men and Nurses, with their friends. Sir Arthur Rücker presided at the distribution of prizes, and congratulated the medical school upon the recent successes of the students. The Hospital, the Residential College, Wills' Library, Gordon Museum, and School Buildings, as well as the Nurses' Home, were all open for inspection. The Hospital looked charming with its wealth of floral decorations, and the patients seemed to enjoy the unusual festivities, the children, of course, being made much of. Refreshments were served in the colonnade quadrangle and on the terrace in the park, while the Royal Meister Orchestra played a selection of music. The weather being fine added greatly to a very enjoyable afternoon, which has become a looked for annual gathering.

The Countess of Ilchester has accepted the presidency of the Ladies' Committee of the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

The following gentlemen have been elected upon the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons:—Mr. Charters J. Symonds, of Guy's Hospital; Mr. W. F. Bruce Clarke, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Mr. Charles W. Mansell Moullin, of the London Hospital; Mr. Frederic Samuel Eve, of the London Hospital.

For years isolated persons have been inveighing against the danger lurking in impure milk, and the horrors of diseased meat, yet no one apparently had time to be interested in these important matters. Then quite suddenly the food of the people becomes the topic of the hour, conferences are held, Public Health Committees present reports, Ministers receive deputations, and at last the somnolent B.P. awakes to the fact that it objects to swallowing dirt, and insists that something must be done.

Mr. John Burns, President of the Local Government Board, is the man to do it, and it has been announced that he will introduce a comprehensive Milk Supply Protection Bill this very Session, which will embody most, if not all, of the proposals which have been made in the amended Public Health Bill, now before Parlia-

ment, and by medical officers and others. It is understood that the Bill will confer upon the county councils powers enabling them to exercise control over the sources of milk supply, and to make regulations which will effectually prevent the contamination of the milk.

In addition to the existing standard of milk purity there shall be a further standard of cleanliness. No milk shall be sold for human consumption unless it meets the following tests:—

- (a) It must not show more than 24-25 degrees of total acidity.
- (b) There must not be an excess of pus or blood cells.
- (c) It must not contain any microbes of intestinal origin.
- (d) It must not contain any disease microbes of any kind.

(This standard is the one fixed by Dr. George Newman, the well-known expert and Medical Officer of Health for Finsbury.)

Soon, no doubt, someone will tackle the diseased meat question.

Dr. E. C. Seaton, Medical officer of Health for Surrey, considers it is doubtful whether 10 per cent. of the cases of typhoid fever in the country can be said to have been actually caused by the drinking of polluted or infected water supply. He considers that polluted and infected foods are a much more frequent source of typhoid illness than is generally supposed.

The Earl of Dysart has promised to pay half the estimated cost (£1,183) of the proposed alterations and equipment of Grantham Hospital, provided the remainder is subscribed by July 14th.

The Board of Management of the General Hospital, Wolverhampton, have had under consideration for some years the desirability of providing better accommodation for the nursing staff. The rooms at present used for this purpose are ill-ventilated and poorly lighted; they are situated, in fact, close to the roof of the main building. It is, therefore, proposed to build, on additional land adjoining the Hospital in Vicarage Road (which has been acquired for this purpose), a modern and up-to-date Nurses' Home, providing bedrooms for about fifty nurses, with recreation rooms, library, and sewing room, rooms for the Home sister, cycle room, etc. Ample bath and lavatory accommodation will be provided in the sanitary annexes, which will be isolated from the main building by a cross-ventilated corridor. The sitting rooms and bedrooms are so arranged that every room will receive direct sunlight during some part of the day, and all corridors and staircases are well lighted.

Salford Royal Hospital authorities have issued a special appeal for the sum of £70,000 for the purpose of enlarging the institution.

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