

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



HER Royal Highness Princess CHRISTIAN, yesterday, opened the Bazaar and Café chantant, held in aid of the funds of the Helena Nursing Home at Reading, of which Her Royal Highness is

President.

MISS AMY H. GETHING has been appointed Matron of the Volk's Hospital, Bloemfontein, O.F.S., South Africa. Miss GETHING was trained for three years and certificated at the Kimberley Hospital, where she also held the position of Head Nurse from 1886 to 1890. She gained experience in District and Private Nursing at Beaufort West in 1891, and from that date until the present has been the Superintendent of the Volk's Hospital at Victoria.

THE QUEEN has been pleased to approve of the appointment of Mr. KENNETH MUIR MACKENZIE, Q.C., Principal Secretary in the Lord Chancellor's Department, to be a Companion of the Bath. We believe that this gentleman is a brother of the distinguished Counsel, who was retained for the Royal British Nurses' Association in their late appeal for a Royal Charter before the Privy Council, and who is now the standing Counsel of the Association.

DR. THEODORE DYKE ACLAND, M.A., M.D., Oxon., F.R.C.P., Lond., has been appointed Physician to St. Thomas's Hospital in succession to Dr. JOHN HARLEY. Mr. BERNARD PITTS, M.A., M.C., Cantab, F.R.C.S., has been appointed Surgeon to St. Thomas's Hospital in succession to Sir W. MACCORMAC.

MISS HOMERSHAM, M.R.B.N.A., has been engaged by the Middlesex County Council to deliver courses of lectures on Sick Nursing and Hygiene during the present winter. Miss HOMERSHAM lectures nine times a week to audiences at various places on the outskirts of London.

THE Committee of the North Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, have elected as their Secretary, Mr. S. GLENTON-KERR, late Assistant-Secretary at the Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. This Hospital is situated in a densely crowded neighbourhood, and has for years been doing excellent work amongst the poor sick children in the district. It is not supported with that liberality which one could desire. It is to be

hoped that Mr. GLENTON-KERR will be able to impress the public with the value and importance of the work of this most necessary institution.

ON Thursday, the 30th inst., a Lecture will take place at the Sanitary Institute, Margaret Street, W., at 8 p.m., on "Textile Manufactures, Silk, Cotton, Woollen, and Linen Industries," by G. T. Arlidge, M.D.

THE Committee of the Maternity Department of the New Hospital for Women are making an earnest appeal for further donations and subscriptions to enable them to carry on the work.

The Department was started two years ago, to extend the advantages of women's attendance on women, to mothers in their own homes, and to give the students of the London Medical School for Women an opportunity of learning their practical midwifery in a district more conveniently near the School and Hospital than has hitherto been possible. Up to this time the students have taken this course of instruction under Miss MCCALL, M.D., at Clapham. The excellent teaching and great success of the Clapham School has been a source of much satisfaction, but the distance from the School was found a serious drawback.

In May, 1891, the Resident Medical Officer, Miss HARRIS, M.B., entered on her work, and up to the present time has attended over seventy women in their own homes without any maternal death. The number of patients is steadily increasing, but up to the present time has not been sufficiently large to justify the Committee in taking students. The Committee have had to contend with the competition of University College Hospital Maternity Department. This well-organized School has been long in possession of the greater part of the field: it has given gratuitous attendance on the patients, together with many comforts, such as coals, beef tea, tea, and medicines. On the other hand, the Women's Hospital has charged five shillings to each patient attended, and have not offered any inducement beyond the fact of a qualified woman's attendance. In order to avoid this competition it is intended to abandon the western portion of the district, and to extend the work to the North and East, where no medical school has at present a maternity department. With this view the Committee hope to enlist the sympathy of the clergy, the missions, and the nursing establishments of the neighbourhood.

In 1891, Mrs. GARRETT ANDERSON calculated that the undertaking ought to be self-supporting, or

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