

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR



PRINCESS MARY ADELAIDE has promised to be present at a concert to be given at the Surbiton Assembly Rooms, on Wednesday, November 14th, in aid of the funds of the Surrey Convalescent Home at Seaford, of which Her Royal Highness is patron.

THE Duchess of Albany has consented to open the new Home of the Kingston Nursing Association, which has been erected at Birkenhead Avenue, Kingston, on Monday, December 3rd.

MISS KATHERINE KEIR has been appointed Matron to the Bona Convalescent Home. Miss KEIR has acted for the last two years as Senior Charge Nurse in the Northern Infirmary, Inverness.

MISS A. MAUD has been appointed Night Superintendent of the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, in which Institution she has received three years' training, and, as she held the posts of Sister in the Female and Children's wards and Theatre respectively, she is unusually well qualified to fill the position to which she has been promoted.

MISS BEATRICE COLBORNE, who was lately appointed Matron of the Hospital for Sick Children, at Belfast, was trained at the Children's Hospital, Glasgow, and the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, where she held the position of Sister for three years, before being promoted to be Home Sister of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, which position she also held for three years.

DR. F. G. H. COUTTS, late House Surgeon of the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, has been presented with a handsome brass telescope Lamp from the Nursing Staff of the Institution, and a gold mounted stylographic pen with an inscription from the female patients, in recognition of his uniform kindness and consideration.

THE Earl of CADOGAN, K.G., has resigned the Presidency of the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

THE first annual report of the Midwives' Registration Association states that the number of members is now 339, and includes practitioners residing in all parts of the country and engaged in various departments of practice. The report states that the schedules have been circulated for the purpose of obtaining information as to the training and practice of midwives in different parts of the

country, and that a considerable number have been returned. The draft scheme for dealing with the question of the registration of midwives, which has been circulated and published, is still under consideration; but a hope is expressed that it will serve to remove most, if not all, of the serious objections to legislation which have been urged by members of the medical profession.

THE following Lectures will be delivered next week at the Sanitary Institute, Margaret Street, W. :—

Monday 5th.—“Sanitary Building Construction.” KEITH D. YOUNG, F.R.I.B.A.

Wednesday, 7th.—Inspection and Demonstration in the Parish of St. George's, Hanover Square, at 2 p.m. (Number limited.) Conducted by ALBERT TAYLOR, Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Wednesday, 7th.—“Sanitary Appliances.” Professor W. H. CORFIELD, M.A., M.D. (Oxon.). Medical Officer of Health, St. George's, Hanover Square.

Friday, 9th.—“Details of Plumbers' Work.” J. WRIGHT CLARKE.

Saturday, 10th.—Inspection of Harrison and Barber's Knacker Yard, Whitechapel.

THE Cambridgeshire County Council, which is one of the most progressive of all the Councils in good works and in movements for the betterment of village life and the education of the masses, has just inaugurated a delightful scheme for supplying the agriculturist, his wife, and his daughters with wholesome literature. A large central library is being opened in Cambridge from which consignments of books will be sent to all the villages of the county, the books being changed frequently, and being free to all who care to ask for the loan of them.

The agricultural labourer is usually regarded as an individual to whom nothing appeals but beer and tobacco. He is represented as a lounge round the village corners and at the village inn, and is supposed to have no yearnings for self-improvement. It is generally forgotten that, as a rule, he has no meeting ground but the alehouse, and that this place of refreshment supplies to him exactly what the club, the ball-room, and society in general supply to his richer brother. He can have no taste for literature because he has never had the chance of finding out what it means. His possibilities for reading are bounded by the weekly county paper, and an occasional penny novelette. The Cambs. County Council is now putting at his disposal—and, of course, the demand will be chiefly from the younger generation—the foundation of an acquaintance with good standard works, and is solving the question as to what is to be done on long winter evenings. It is delightful to know that Dickens, Kingsley, and Thackeray, will soon be in

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