

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Prince of Wales has promised to lay the foundation stone of the New Lower School for the Royal Medical Benevolent College at Epsom, in June.

The Duke and Duchess of Fife visited, last week, the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, of which the Duke of Fife is president. Her Royal Highness brought toys and distributed them to all the children in the wards.

Mr. Christopher Heath, Surgeon to University College Hospital, and Holme Professor of Clinical Surgery at University College, the newly-elected president of the Royal College of Surgeons, was born in London sixty years ago, and received his education at King's College, of which he became a Fellow in 1871. In the same year he took his seat on the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons. During his brilliant career Mr. Heath has held several positions of high importance in the medical world. He is the author of various masterly clinical treatises, and the editor of a "Dictionary of Practical Surgery," published in 1886.

Honours are falling thick and fast upon the Medical Staff of "University"—three baronetcies and the Presidency of both the Royal Colleges of Physicians and of Surgeons in one year is a most satisfactory record.

Mr. Andrew Clark, Hon. Sec. to the Metropolitan Counties Branch of the British Medical Association, has been unanimously elected Surgeon to the Middlesex Hospital, to fill the vacancy on the staff created by the death of Mr. J. W. Hulke.

Dr. Patrick Manson, LL.D., M.D., has been appointed Lecturer on Tropical Diseases at St. George's Hospital. This is the first provision that has been made for special instruction in London in tropical medicine.

Inspector-General of Hospitals Henry F. Norbury, C.B., has been appointed to the Royal Naval Hospital, Plymouth, in succession to Inspector-General William H. Lloyd, M.D., Honorary Surgeon to the Queen, whose period of service at Plymouth expires on the 27th inst.

Dr. W. A. Crossley, Ph.D. (Wurzburg) M.Sc. (Victoria), Berkeley Fellow and Demon-

strator of Organic Chemistry in Owens College, Manchester, has been elected Demonstrator of Chemistry in the Medical School of St. Thomas' Hospital, in succession to Dr. W. H. Ince, who has been appointed Government Chemist at Trinidad.

At the Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, Mr. Albert John Chalmers, M.D. and Ch.B., Victoria University, University Coll., Liverpool, and London Hospital, and Mr. Joseph Stanley Kellet Smith, L.R.C.P.Lond., University Coll. and Royal Infirmary, Liverpool, were admitted Fellows of the college.

It was announced that the Jacksonian Prize for the past year was awarded to Mr. Holburt Jacob Waring, M.B., B.S.Lond., F.R.C.S.Eng., St. Bartholomew's, the subject of the essay being "The Diagnosis and Surgical Treatment of Diseases of the Liver, Gall Bladder, and Biliary Ducts." The subject for the present year is "Tetanus." The dissertation must be delivered at the college not later than 4 o'clock on Tuesday, December 31.

The following report by the laboratories was received, adopted, and entered on the minutes (this is also subject to the approval of the Royal College of Physicians):—

I. The Work in Diphtheria for the Metropolitan Asylums Board—(a) Examination of Material for Diagnosis.—Since January 1st, 1,145 specimens have been examined and reported upon. In some cases the report is issued on the same day that the specimen arrives; but in the majority of cases the examination necessitates as much as 24 hours' work. An accurate record has been kept of the examination of each case, including the various organisms found. During the first seven weeks the director (Dr. G. Sims Woodhead, M.D., C.M.Edin.), with two assistants, and since February with three, examined all the cases. The work goes on very smoothly, and is now being accomplished more rapidly than at first. Dr. Woodhead has undertaken to report fully to the Metropolitan Asylums Board on every 500 cases examined. (b) The Preparation of Anti-toxin Serum.—After some unavoidable delay, the Metropolitan Asylums Board placed at the directors' disposal stabling for 15 horses at Tooting. Four horses are being prepared; all of them are in good health, and in three cases the treatment is well advanced. As soon as these horses are ready the supply of serum will be ample; and it is intended that one or two reserve horses shall be prepared. It is probable that the serum will be ready for use at an early date.

II. The Goldsmiths' Company's Grant for Researches on Anti-toxin Treatment of Diphtheria, &c.—The committee, seeing their way to placing a certain quantity of anti-toxic serum at the disposal of investigators, have for the purposes of experiment determined to make a grant of £100 to Dr. Sidney Martin for the purpose of working out the action of the anti-toxic

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