

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



SIR JOHN BAKER, M.P., one of the new year's knights, has presented £500 towards the foundation of a convalescent home in connection with the Royal Portsmouth Hospital.

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It has been resolved to establish a memorial to the late Dr. OCTAVIUS STURGES, Senior Physician to Westminster Hospital. The memorial will be a prize, exhibition, or scholarship in connection with the Westminster Hospital Medical School. Subscriptions may be sent to Mr. W. G. SPENCER, Dean of the Westminster Hospital Medical School.

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THE Committee formed to establish a memorial to the late Father JAMES HEALY, parish priest of Bray, met again in Dublin recently, at the Shelburne Hotel. It has already been decided that the proposed memorial shall take the form of a Cottage Hospital to be established at Little Bray, and subscriptions varying from £2 to £100 have been received.

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A MOVEMENT for the purpose of adding another wing to the Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin, has been started, and is making encouraging progress. The Hospital is already the largest in Dublin, but there is still ample demand for increased accommodation in it.

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THE Ministry of Instruction at St. Petersburg has presented a scheme to the Council of State in favour of permitting women to practise medicine. This is the third or fourth attempt of the same kind, but as the present instance is strongly supported, it appears to have a chance of success.

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THE proposal that a dinner should be given to Dr. JAMESON, in honour of his distinguished career in South Africa, by his former teachers, friends, and contemporaries at University College Hospital, has taken definite shape. Dr. JAMESON has accepted the invitation for Thursday, January 24th, at the Hôtel Métropole, and all those desirous of being present should at once give notice to either of the honorary secretaries, Dr. Radcliffe Crocker, 121, Harley Street, or Mr. Quarry Silcock, 52, Harley Street, W.

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A PUBLIC monument in memory of the late Father DAMIEN, who for seventeen years devoted his life

to the service of the lepers of Molokai, has been inaugurated at Louvain, in Belgium, where the famous missionary was born. The vote of the Municipal Council sanctioning the monument's erection was obtained with the utmost difficulty, the Anti-Clericals meeting the project with the most strenuous opposition.

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WE are informed by Mrs. G. CRAIG-BROWN, the President of the Selkirk branch of Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses, that the new Vice-Presidents of the Branch are Mrs. BALLARD and Mrs. WADDEL.

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CHRISTMAS was kept in the Lincoln County Hospital in the usual festive style. On Christmas-day the patients enjoyed their dinner of roast beef, plum and milk pudding. A tea-party was held in the Johnson Female Ward in the afternoon. They were afterwards greatly amused by the entrance of an antediluvian animal, bearing on his back a large hamper of presents, which were distributed by his two attendants, in costume, to every patient. On Thursday, the 27th, a tea-party was held in the Children's Ward. Afterwards, Sister RUSTON distributed to every little patient a toy from the heavily-laden Christmas tree; also visitors and Nurses came in for a fancy article. Games were heartily indulged in, and a very pleasant evening with the little ones came to an end, "God save the Queen" terminating the proceedings. On the 28th, a tea-party was held in the Dixon Male Medical Ward, a most striking feature in the ward being the artistic manner in which the decorations had been done; monograms bearing the initials of the visiting staff of doctors and chaplain, on huge banners trimmed on the borders with evergreens. A concert and magic lantern was given during the evening. On New Year's Day a similar tea-party and concert took place in the Clayton Male Accident Ward. A large Christmas tree stood in the centre of the ward. Father Christmas distributed presents to every patient and visitor. On Friday, the 4th inst., a tea-party and concert was held in the out-patients' room, on account of the small space of the Ophthalmic Wards. The Matron, Miss BEACHCROFT, Sisters and Nurses are to be congratulated upon the hearty way they entered into their work, trying to make Christmas happy for the suffering poor.

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THE terrible fire which occurred last week in a laundry, in Edgware Road, resulting in the destruction of every one of the eight inmates, without one of them having had a moment to escape, or of giving a sign at a window, has, we hope, turned attention again to the necessity of the Factory Acts being made to apply to Laundries. At any rate, the jury recommended such extension.

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