

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



AT the recent meeting at Carlisle the British Medical Association's gold medal was awarded to Surgeon-Captain Whitchurch, the hero of Chitral, who, it will be remembered, risked his life on the battle-field to rescue Lieutenant Baird, who was mortally wounded. For this act of gallantry he was awarded the Victoria Cross. The medal has undoubtedly this year fallen into worthy hands, and the whole profession

must feel pleased that his merits have been recognised by the Council of the Association.

It is our pleasing duty to record a munificent gift which has just been made to Bournemouth by a visitor, Mr. George Brown, of Belsize Park, Hampstead, London. The gift takes the form of an offer to the Governors of the National Sanatorium for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, to erect a new Sanatorium with accommodation for 100 patients.

The new Sanatorium is being given by Mr. George Brown in memory of his late wife, who was a sufferer from consumption, and whose life was prolonged for many years by a residence in Bournemouth. The choice of a site is left to the Governors, and it is stated that there is a probability of a piece of ground being secured for the purpose in the Talbot Woods, but as yet nothing definite has been settled on this point.

Messrs. Coutts and Co. have sent twenty guineas to Mrs. Meredith towards obtaining a playground for the Princess Mary Village Homes, Addlestone.

The will of Mr. W. Debenham, silk mercer, of Wigmore Street, London, who died in April last, leaves bequests to various charitable institutions and home and foreign missionary societies to the amount of £33,500, and devotes to similar objects (including £10,000 to the People's Palace at Mile End) a sum of £30,000 on the expiry of the life interest bequeathed to his wife.

The Council of Bedford College, London, for Women have appointed Dr. T. Gregory Foster to the Professorship of English Language and Literature.

The Treasurer of Guy's Hospital has received an official intimation that, as the result of the collection and *fele* given by the *employés* of Harrod's Stores (Limited) on Saturday last, at Barnes, a sum of £2,500 will be handed over to the Hospital for the purpose of endowing two beds in perpetuity.

The Lord Lieutenant of Cambridgeshire, Mr. A. Peckover, has given £1,000 to Addenbrooke's Hospital at Cambridge for the purpose of covering the expense of a new operating theatre there.

The preliminary programme of the fifteenth Congress, to be held in Newcastle-upon-Tyne from September 2nd to 9th, in connection with the Sanitary Institute, has now been issued. The President of the

Congress is the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, P.C., D.L. J.P. The meetings of the Congress will consist of three general addresses and lectures. Three sectional meetings, dealing with (1) Sanitary Science and Preventive Medicine, presided over by Professor W. H. Corfield, M.A., M.D. (Oxon.), F.R.C.P.; (2) Engineering and Architecture, presided over by Sir Andrew Noble, K.C.B., F.R.S., M.Inst. C.E.; (3) Chemistry, Meteorology, and Geology, presided over by W. H. Dines, B.A., F.R.Met.Soc. Five special conferences: Port Sanitary Authorities, presided over by Arthur Holt-Barber, Chairman Port of London Sanitary Authority; Medical Officers of Health, presided over by Alfred Hill, M.D., F.R.S.E., F.I.C., F.C.S.; Municipal and County Engineers, presided over by George Reid, M.D., D.P.H.; Domestic Hygiene, presided over by the Mayoress of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

In connection with the Congress a Health Exhibition will be held, and H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, K.G., who is President of the Institute, has graciously consented to perform the opening ceremony on September 2nd. Excursions to places of interest in connection with sanitation will be arranged for those attending the Congress.

The local arrangements are in the hands of an influential local committee, presided over by the Mayor of Newcastle, with Dr. H. E. Armstrong, Medical Officer of Health for the City, and Dr. J. W. Hem-brough, Medical Officer of Health for Northumberland, as honorary secretaries.

It appears from the programme that over 160 authorities, including several county councils, have already appointed delegates to the Congress, and, as there are also over 1,800 members and associates in the Institute, there will probably be a large attendance in addition to the local members of the Congress.

Dr. Mary Cruikshank, who took her M.D. at Brussels, has been appointed Assistant Medical Officer to the Camberwell Infirmary.

On two recent occasions, Lord Roberts has referred to the need of attracting the very best young medical men of the country, to the service of the Army, and on all occasions has added his testimony to the heroism, courage, and devotion to duty of the medical officers with whom he has become acquainted in the course of his long and varied service. Lord Roberts' remarks are well-timed, and should have effect on the authorities in the present crisis, when the Army is so unpopular among the students at the largest and best of the Hospitals of the country, and when the number of vacancies in the Army Medical Staff is daily increasing.

Lord Mount-Stephen and Sir Donald Smith have given a permanent endowment to the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, of 40,000 dollars a year. Of the original donation of 1,000,000 dollars there remains, after paying for the erection and equipment of the building, a sum of 250,000 dollars, which is to be added to the endowment.

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