

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE German Hospital has received the sum of £200 as a donation from Baroness Hirsch.

Dr. Samuel Wilks, President of the Royal College of Physicians, has accepted the office of consulting physician to the Great Northern Central Hospital, Holloway Road, N.

A Conversazione in aid of the Out-patients' Department will take place on Friday, October 2nd, at St. Mary's Hospital. Tickets, 2s. 6d. each, can be obtained from the Dean of the Hospital.

The new Rustington Convalescent Home for the working classes of North-West London is now completed, and will be opened for patients in a few weeks. It has been erected by Mr. Henry Harben, chairman of the Hampstead Vestry, at a cost, exclusive of land, of £30,000. The building, which faces the sea, will contain accommodation for 40 patients, most of them having separate rooms.

A grand Imperial fête and fancy fair in connection with the Victoria Hospital for Children will be held on June 21st and four following days next year, at the gardens of the Royal Botanic Society, Regent's Park, in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the Queen's Accession to the throne. A special feature of the fête will be a grand Imperial crown, 30ft. in diameter, which will nightly be illuminated by electric light. It is proposed to devote one day to the free admission of children selected from the London schools. Particulars will be supplied and subscriptions received by Commander Blount, R.N., at the Hospital, Queen's-road, Chelsea.

Mr. W. Ambrose, Q.C., M.P., has been elected President of the Willesden Cottage Hospital, in the place of Sir Bradford Leslie, K.C.I.E., (resigned).

The grounds of the proposed Keighley and Bingley Small-pox Hospital are to be made "beautiful for ever" by the plantation of 3,000 shrubs and the same number of forest-trees.

The governors of the Royal Bristol Infirmary have been informed that Miss Mary Cannington, of Cotham, has given that Institution £10,000, to be employed in the support of a ward. Miss Cannington wrote that she had intended leaving a legacy, but, for several reasons, thought it better that the Infirmary should have the money now rather than wait till her death.

The Dowager Lady Tweedmouth has approved of a design for the Tweedmouth Memorial Church, which is to be erected in connection with the Northern Infirmary at Inverness, and the whole cost of which, amounting to £3,000, has been contributed by her.

On Saturday the remains of Sir John Eric Erichsen, Bart., F.R.S., President of University College, surgeon-

extraordinary to the Queen, and Vice-President of the Royal British Nurses' Association, were laid to rest in Hampstead Cemetery. The coffin was placed in the grave where Sir John Erichsen's wife was buried a few years ago.

Dr. Sophia Jex. Blake has issued an eloquent appeal for funds to start a new Woman's Hospital in Edinburgh, the staff of which shall consist of medical women. Dr. Jex. Blake is so much respected in Edinburgh, where she has done such valuable work, that her appeal is certain to be liberally responded to.

There is a strong feeling on the part of some of the clergy that the Bishops should issue definite instructions regarding the use of the Burial Service over persons who have been cremated. Some of the clergy who are opposed to this hygienic disposal of the dead, refuse to read the Service over the ashes. Moses, in his capacity of law-giver, was a great Sanitarian, and our latter-day clergy ought surely to recognise that health has a great bearing on morality and the general well-doing of the people.

A Paris doctor claims to have discovered a process for photographing thought. It is an open question whether this discovery would add to the pain or the pleasure of living. While it would be extremely interesting to probe the inmost recesses of our Statesmen and Prime Ministers, it might often be disconcerting and depressing to discover the real estimation in which our own familiar friend holds us. There is such a thing as knowing too much, and the line should be drawn somewhere. We have been told speech is given to man in order that he may conceal his thoughts. And what a man does not tell, a Kodak should not reveal.

Licensing Magistrates have often to listen to most extraordinary arguments as to why new public-houses should be opened and off-licences renewed. But a more curious plea was surely never brought forward than at Mold, where Mr. Bernard Lewis asked that the licence of a public-house should be renewed because it was in an agricultural district, and it was a great convenience to the farmers to get beer for their cattle in times of sickness! Why do they not open a chemist's shop for this popular beverage if it really be a cattle medicine?

It has recently been authoritatively stated that Hospital wards which are built to accommodate 28 beds, allowing the artificial light used to be gas, are suited to hold 45 beds when electric light is introduced. If it be proved true that so many more patients can be supplied with the cubic space necessary to health, the substitution of electric light for gas should take the place, in many Institutions, of additional building.

It is certainly strange to learn that the Egyptians 3,000 years ago employed gold in dental work. Many mummies have been found with gold-filled teeth in their mouths. In truth, it appears that the Egyptians were the first dentists. They made false teeth of ivory and of sycamore wood, which were fastened to the natural ones by gold wires. Not less interesting is the fact that gold plates with human teeth attached have been discovered in Etruscan graves 2,000 years old.

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