

be at once remedied, I send these few particulars as to the sick, the convalescent, and the dying soldier. The Americans make a point each year of decorating the graves of their dead soldiers with the most exquisite flowers. We might surely decorate the bedsides of our fighting men with fragrant blossoms and cool fruit, and supply them with some books, presents of game, and other such luxuries after they have borne the heat and burden of tropical days while acquiring fresh territory and opening up new trade avenues for the English people. We give a man a V.C. here and there for conspicuous bravery, but we quite forget the daily needs of the rank and file who have done their duty and find their way to hospital suffering from the honourable wounds of combat or the diseases of a deadly tropic."

We heartily re-echo "Red Cross's" parting wish, "that this little appeal will bring a harvest of good things in season to the sick soldier."

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ONE of the most notable nurses in the American Civil War was Miss Dorothea Dix, of whom one of her colleagues tells the following story. One day on her round of inspection of the nurses, Miss Dix, in passing through a courtyard, saw two soldiers hanging up by the thumbs—a form of punishment frequently inflicted for small misdemeanours. The sight was too much for a woman possessed of so sensitive and humane a nature as Miss Dix, and turning to the sentinel she ordered him to release the men. He refused, saying that he was in authority there. Miss Dix went away, and finding General Butler who was in charge of the post, she asked him "Who is the higher in station, that sentinel who patrols the courtyard, or myself?" "You are," said the general. When Miss Dix returned to the courtyard the men were promptly released, and from that day forward Miss Dix was the most popular person in the camp.

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NURSE CREIGHTON, an active member of the Nurses' National Total Abstinence League, sends to their official organ, *Wings*, this beautiful little Bible Reading on

WINGS—AN EMBLEM OF PROTECTION AND COMFORT.

Borne on eagles' wings . . . .	Ex. xix., 4.
	Deut. xxxii., 11-12.
Trust under God's wings . .	Ruth ii., 12.
Under the shadow of His wings	Ps. xvii., 8.
Refuge under His wings . . . .	Ps. xxxvi., 7.
	Ps. lvii., 1; lxi., 4; xci., 4.
	Matt. xxiii., 37.
Joy in the shadow of His wings	Ps. lxxiii., 7.
Healing in His wings . . . . .	Mal. iv., 2.
Mounting up with wings . .	Is. xl., 31.
Wings for service and worship	Is. vi., 2-6.
	Ez. i., 6, 8, 9, 24.
Ye shall be as the wings of a dove.	Ps. lxxviii., 13.

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Queen will review the troops at Aldershot at the end of the present month. Her Majesty has consented to open the new Female Hospital adjoining the Cambridge Hospital on the occasion of her visit.

At a general court held at Guy's Hospital, Mr. Ballour, M.P., Mr. C. Gassiot, and Sir S. Wilks, were elected to the corporation.

The Duke of Bedford, K.G., Lord Lieutenant of Middlesex, has been added to the General Council of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund in the place of the late Earl of Strafford.

The Committee of Management of the North London Hospital for Consumption, have received a donation of £1,000 from R. S. P. per Canon Fleming to endow a bed in the Hospital.

The Goldsmiths' Company have made a grant of £100 towards the cost of the new premises of the Hospital Saturday Fund.

The preliminary programme of the Sixteenth Congress of the Sanitary Institute, to be held in Birmingham, from September 27th to October 1st, has now been issued. The President of the Congress is Sir Joseph Fayrer, Bart. Dr. Christopher Childs, M.A., D.P.H., will deliver the lecture to the Congress, and Dr. Alex Hill, M.A., J.P., Master of Downing College and Vice-Chancellor of Cambridge University, will deliver the popular lecture. It appears from the programme that over 300 Authorities, including several County Councils, have already appointed delegates to the Congress, and, as there are also over 2,000 members and associates in the Institute, there will probably be a large attendance in addition to the local members of the Congress. In connection with the Congress, a Health Exhibition of Apparatus and Appliances relating to health and domestic use, will be held as a practical illustration of the application and carrying out of the principles and methods discussed at the meetings; which not only serves this purpose, but also an important one in diffusing sanitary knowledge among a large class who do not attend the other meetings of the Congress.

THE Royal Commission are now prepared to circulate information respecting the Paris Exhibition. The classification and rules for Exhibitors, together with forms of application for space, can be obtained by applying to the Secretary of the Royal Commission, Paris Exhibition, 1900, St. Stephen's House, Westminster, S.W.

An effort is being made to raise £2,000 in order to clear off the debt on the Mary Wardell Convalescent Home for Scarlet Fever, Stanmore, and provide for the thorough cleaning, painting, whitewashing and general repairs greatly needed. This is the only Home that receives persons recovering from Scarlet Fever, except the Metropolitan Asylums' Board Hospitals. Con-

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