

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Queen has appointed Sir William Henry Broadbent, Bart., M.D., F.R.C.P., to be one of her physicians extraordinary, in the room of Sir Richard Quain, Bart., deceased.

Princess Henry of Battenberg has signified her intention of visiting Gosport to attend a public meeting to be held in connection with the Victoria Nursing Society, of which her Royal Highness is president, and which was established last year as the local Jubilee memorial.

The final meeting of the Press Bazaar Committee was held at the London Hospital on Monday afternoon, when a cheque for £12,000 was handed to the chairman of the hospital as the proceeds of the bazaar. All concerned are to be congratulated.

Subscriptions will be received at the offices of the American Embassy, 123, Victoria Street, S.W., from *any citizens of the United States* who may be desirous of contributing to the funds of the American Red Cross Society for the relief of the sick and wounded in the war.

Sir Walter Foster has brought the "splendid act of devotion" of Surgeon-Lieutenant V. Hugo of the Malakand Field Force, in the form of a question, to the notice of Lord George Hamilton, in the House of Commons, who does not appear to possess any very keen appreciation of heroism. The following narrative is given in Sir Walter's question :—

"Lieutenant Ford was dangerously wounded in the shoulder, and was bleeding to death from the bullet having cut the main artery, when Surgeon-Lieutenant Hugo came to his aid. The fire was too hot to permit lights to be used to examine the wound, and there was no cover; nevertheless, the surgeon struck a match and examined the wound.

"The match went out amid a splutter of bullets, which kicked up the dust all round, but by its uncertain light he saw the nature of the injury, and seized the bleeding artery, and as no ligature was available, he remained for three hours under fire, holding the vessel between his finger and thumb.

"When at length it seemed that the enemy had broken into camp he picked up the officer, who was unconscious from loss of blood, and bore him into a place of safety without relaxing his hold of the artery."

The Rev. Arthur Robins was the right man in the right place at the meeting at the Westminster Hospital of the Church of England Sanitary Association, for he has devoted his life to the question of improving the dwellings of the poor. He pointed out that the object the society had so much at heart was to humanise humanity; to deliver "rookeries" from darkness, from dirt, from overcrowding, and from the shameless life of savage surroundings. The State had gone to sleep, and statesmen had been unmindful of their pledges, only because the Church had never ceased to slumber. There were over a thousand families in London to-day, each herding together in one room, often in one bed, where, cramped

by such conditions, there can be nothing pure—ventilation, water, light, or life.

The Admiralty have determined to alter their original idea of spending only a few thousand pounds for the erection of a block of buildings at the Royal Naval Hospital, Stonehouse, for the reception of patients afflicted with infectious diseases, and purpose now to spend about £15,000 on this object. A site for the building of the new block has been selected at the southern extremity of the present Naval Hospital, and the work is to be commenced forthwith.

Mrs. Emily Priscilla Edgell Hunt, of 1, Hyde Park Gate, has left property valued at £80,897 14s. 11d., and she bequeathes £5,000 to King's College School, and £1,000 to the benevolent fund of the Institute of Civil Engineers; and, after the payment of a few legacies, she leaves the residue of her property between :—

Queen Charlotte's Lying-in-Hospital.
The Medical Aid Society.
The Hospital for Incurable Children.
The Little Sisters of Mercy, Fulham.
King's College Hospital.
University College Hospital.
Westminster Hospital.
St. Thomas's Hospital.
St. Mary's Hospital.
Charing Cross Hospital and the London Hospital.

The Metropolitan Radical Federation have passed the following resolution: "That, in the opinion of this Council, the multiplication of street collections in London on behalf of hospitals is becoming a public nuisance."

"This council is also of opinion that the hospitals should be controlled by the municipalities and supported out of the rates."

The foundation stone of the Jubilee wing of the General Hospital, Nottingham, was lately laid with great ceremony by the Duke of Portland, Provincial Grand Master of Notts; the extension will greatly increase the accommodation for patients and facilitate the domestic organization of this charming old hospital.

According to the official balance-sheet issued this week, a total sum of nearly £45,000 was spent in connection with the recent typhoid epidemic at Maidstone. The doctor's fees alone absorbed £5,200.

The following method of treating epilepsy, told in the life of Dr. William Stokes, may be of interest. It is related that Mr. Bland of Derriquin Castle met one of his servants. "Well John," said he, "how is the boy?"

"He's well! Sir."

"How did you cure him?"

"I deluded him to your honour's bog."

"And what did you do to him there?"

"I drowned him your honour."

"How was that?"

"I brought him to the edge of your honour's bog hole and threw him in suddint, and lept down upon him, and held him under water till the last bubble was out of him, and he never since had a return of the complaint, glory be to God."

This heroic treatment is said to have been at one time of high repute in the southern part of the Co. Kerry.

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