

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



His Majesty the King has consented to become Patron of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis, and has expressed his willingness to be Patron of the British Congress on Tuberculosis to be held in London in July.

Mr. W. T. Holmes Spicer, F.R.C.S., has been elected to the post of Ophthalmic Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, a very popular appointment. Mrs. Holmes Spicer was at one time a member of the Nursing Staff at "Bart's."

At the annual meeting of University College Hospital it was reported with regard to the new hospital that the North-west Wing and Central Block were handed over for occupation last September. It was hoped that the two remaining floors of the Nursing Home Wing and the floor to be used for resident officers would be ready for occupation this Spring. The King has consented to become patron of the hospital.

In emphasizing the necessity for speedily completing the Clarence Memorial Wing, at St. Mary's Hospital, Mr. Alfred de Rothschild says:—"For years past it has been an almost daily occurrence for suitable patients to be denied admission owing to lack of room, and the same cause has led to all the night nurses, and some of the day nurses, having to be lodged in houses in the neighbourhood. The completion of the new wing, which will be taken in hand immediately the funds are forthcoming, will put an end to both these evils, as the two most important features of the new buildings are additional wards and a nurses' home. Several improvements in the old buildings are also included in the scheme."

The New Hospital of St. Luke, erected by the Halifax Board of Guardians was opened on Tuesday last. Dr. Thomas Dolan the well-known and progressive medical officer, no doubt aided in her department by the equally capable lady superintendent, Miss C. S. Wilkie, has taken a keen interest in every detail of this splendid new hospital, which to begin with contains 400 beds. The wards are arranged in ten pavilions, eight being oblong, and two being of the circular type. A large detached and most handsome nurses' home stands in front of the hospital grounds and contains ample accommodation for nurses and probationers, including general and separate sitting-rooms, library, dining-room and lecture-room, the block containing over 70 rooms.

Dr. Johnson, of Jamaica, has just arrived in London on a lecturing tour. He is a strong believer in the merits of Jamaica for consumptives. Twenty-five years ago he went out as an all but hopeless consumptive; how complete his recovery has been is shown by a remarkable feat he performed some years

ago when he walked across Africa from the west coast to the east.

A Bill has been presented to the New York State Legislature, which, if it becomes law, will make it compulsory for osteopaths, Christian Scientists, and other quacks to pass the State examination before they can practice their respective systems of "cure" without interference by the authorities.

Mr. Kippen, a young surgeon of Ontario, attended an old lady who was too poor to pay. A few months later she became heiress to 78,000 dollars, and dying last week, bequeathed it to the doctor who had befriended her in her need.

At last the barbarous sport—chasing tame stags with dogs—is to be put down. The Royal Buckhounds, which cost the country £4,700 per annum, exclusive of the salary of £1,500 to their master, who was a "political officer," are no longer to figure in the Royal Civil List. That this terrible torture of a gentle and noble species has been tolerated into the twentieth century is a disgrace to the boasted love of animals to which Britain lays claim.

In Memoriam.

At St. Andrew's Church, Taunton, a special service was recently held, during which the Bishop of Bath and Wells dedicated two stained-glass windows which have been erected in the Lady Chapel of that edifice to the memory of the late Miss E. M. Fisher and Nurse Sage. The former was the founder, and for eight years the honorary superintendent and secretary of the Taunton District Nursing Association, and the latter, after being connected with the Association for an equal number of years, went out to South Africa with the Welsh Hospital staff, where she died of enteric. The windows have both been publicly subscribed for.

A handsome memorial plate has also just been placed in St. Mary's Church in the same town in recognition of the services of the late Nurse Sage, the tablet, which is of brass and is the work of Mr. A. P. Lisle, of Hammett-street, occupies a space of about four feet square. On the top is a picture engraved in the brass of a wounded soldier lying on the veldt in a recumbent position with his head resting on the knees of an angel, who is kneeling and watching over him. Both figures are well proportioned, and the faces are especially good. Underneath is the inscription with a very massive and handsome border around it, and introduced at the four corners is the Army medical cross, filled in regulation colour, red. The inscription which is in black with white capitals, is as follows:—"In loving memory of Florence Louise Sage, who from 3rd January, 1893, to 30th March, 1900, constantly and devotedly visited the poor of Taunton as a nurse of the Taunton District Nursing Association. At the call of duty she went out on 9th April, 1900, to South Africa to nurse our sick and wounded soldiers, and died of fever in the Welsh Hospital at Springfontein, 12th June, 1900, at the age of 33 years. She hath done what she could."

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