

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King has granted a Royal Charter for the incorporation of the "British Academy for the Promotion of Historical, Philosophical, and Philological Studies." Forty-nine gentlemen are named in the charter as Fellows of the newly-formed academy.

The Secretary for War has approved the appointment at the Herbert Hospital, Woolwich, and Netley Hospital, Southampton, of experts in clinical pathology. The necessary laboratory accommodation is to be provided.

The treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital has received a donation of £100 from Ras Makunan.

The nineteenth Congress of the Sanitary Institute will be held at Manchester from September 9th to September 13th inclusive. It will open at 12.30 on September 9th by a Reception of the members of the Congress in the Town Hall by the Lord Mayor (Alderman James Hoy, LL.D.), who will also open the Health Exhibition in the St. James's Hall in the afternoon. In the evening of the same day the inaugural address to the Congress will be held in the Whitworth Hall, Owens College, by the Right Hon. the Earl Egerton of Tatton. Programmes of the proceedings of the Congress may be obtained from the Secretary, E. White Wallis, Esq., F.S.S., Parkes Museum, Margaret Street, London, W.

The Transactions of the British Congress on Tuberculosis held in London last year have been published by William Clowes and Sons in four volumes, the first of which contains reports of general meetings, committee meetings, and so forth, the other three dealing with the State, the pathological, and the veterinary sections of the Congress respectively. The price of the work is 24s., but after September 17th it will be two guineas.

The Manchester Infirmary Board have officially intimated to the Lord Mayor of Manchester (Mr. Alderman Hoy) that it is their intention to call a special meeting of the Trustees as soon as the holiday season is over, at which the following resolution, passed at a recent meeting of the Board, will be submitted:— "That the Board of Management of the Royal Infirmary be empowered to negotiate once more the sale of the entire Piccadilly site and buildings thereon to the Manchester Corporation for a sum of not less than £400,000, and in the event of the City Council again refusing to purchase, that the Board be authorised to offer the site—with the sanction of the Charity Commissioners and subject to Act of Parliament—for sale publicly to the highest bidder, with a view to applying the proceeds if and when sold to the erection of a new infirmary of adequate accommodation and equipment on a suitable site elsewhere."

At the last meeting of the Burnley Board of Guardians a letter was received from the Local Government Board asking the guardians to give further consideration to the recent appointment of a lady as assistant

medical officer of the workhouse, on the ground that in the absence of the chief medical officer it would be for her to act in his place. "The appointment of a lady doctor," the letter continued, "where the medical staff consists of only two officers, is open to objection." The guardians unanimously reaffirmed the appointment.

The offer of a Midland ironmaster to lend his house and grounds at Knightwell in Worcestershire for use as a sanatorium for consumptives has now been accepted by the local committee, and accommodation for fifteen patients is expected to be completed by the end of September.

The scarlet fever epidemic in the Black Country continues to spread, and a large number of schools are closed. At Stourbridge further hospital accommodation has been provided.

The directors of Bovril Limited have resolved that the interim dividend on the preference and ordinary shares at the rate of 5½ per cent. and 7 per cent. per annum respectively shall be paid on September 6th next.

Dr. Doyen, the Paris surgeon who some months ago operated upon the Hindoo twins, has now blossomed into bacteriology, and propounds to the French Academy of Medicine a new serum to cure and prevent boils and other skin eruptions. Great efficacy is claimed for the treatment.

The Municipal Council of Forli in Italy has decided to sell the town's art gallery, which contains many treasures, and devote the proceeds to the erection of a hospital.

A patient in the Ottawa General Hospital has been operated on for consumption. The chest was opened, and the diseased part of the lung was removed. The patient, who had been ill for twelve months, is reported to be recovering, and to have already gained five pounds in weight.

Dr. Koch guaranteed to stamp out malaria in Dar-es-Salaam (German East Africa) in five years by means of a special system, which rests on the assumption that the germs are carried by mosquitoes. The results have been so successful, writes the British Consul, that by the end of 1903 malaria will have entirely disappeared from Dar-es-Salaam.

The Public Health Congress.

The annual Congress of the Royal Institute of Public Health was opened last week at Exeter, at the Victoria Hall, when the Earl of Iddesleigh, President of the Congress for the year, was invested with the badge of office, and delivered his inaugural address, in which he dealt with the importance of fighting against poisonous microbes, and of taking steps to ensure a pure water supply as well as efficient methods of sewage disposal. He sometimes wondered whether the immense gravity of the matter was realised. If he were an absolute Emperor he would

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