

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



WINDFALL FOR HOSPITALS.—The late Mr. Edmund Dresden, of Curzon Street, Mayfair, has left estate of the gross value of £339,500. He has left £25,000 to the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street; £5,000 to the National Lifeboat Institution; £5,000 each to the Middlesex Hospital, St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, the Royal Free Hospital, the Hospital for Consumption, Brompton, and Queen

Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, but these are to be for the benefit of the patients, and no part is to be expended for building, furnishing, or decorating. Other bequests include money to create a fund to be applied for deserv-ing in-patients at certain specified institutions on their discharge. It seems probable that the sum available for charitable purposes will exceed £250,000.

THE SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL.—The committee of management of the Samaritan Free Hospital for Women, Marylebone Road, has decided to hold a "Leap Year" festival dinner on Thursday, May 5 (probably at the Carlton Hotel), in aid of the building fund for the new out-patients' department and further accommodation for nurses. A novel scheme for the dinner has been formulated, and at each table a distinguished lady hostess will preside. It is not intended to ask ladies either to collect or subscribe, but to request their men friends to collect for them, this idea suggesting the title of "Leap Year" dinner.

THE CENTENARY OF THE ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.—On the occasion of its centenary the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, City Road, has received a special donation of £500 for its rent fund investment from Doctor and Lady Agnes Frank.

THE KING'S CONVALESCENT HOME.—Army orders announce that the Convalescent Home at Osborne, Isle of Wight, presented by the King for the reception of officers of the Navy and Army, will be opened on April 6th. The accommodation, which is divided equally between the two services, will provide for thirty-eight single Army officers and five married officers (who may be accompanied by their wives). Children will not be allowed to live in the home. Principal medical officers at home and abroad will submit to the Director-General, Army Medical Service, the names of Army officers for whom they advise treatment at Osborne. The Commander-in-Chief in India has been requested to issue similar instructions, and the names of officers of the Indian Army will be submitted for admission to the Director-General, Army Medical Service. The only payment required is that laid down in allowance regulations—viz., 2s. 6d. per diem for each officer or his wife.

A HOSPITAL FOR OFFICERS.—In connection with the Home at Osborne, King Edward VII.'s Hospital for Officers, Osborne House, Grosvenor Gardens, will be opened at the same time in London for the reception of officers of the Navy and Army requiring

medical or surgical treatment prior to their removal to Osborne. His Majesty has appointed a special medical and surgical staff for this hospital. Miss Agnes Keyser ("Sister Agnes," as she is now styled) is at the head of this hospital, although she is not a trained nurse.

GLASGOW'S MEMORIAL TO QUEEN VICTORIA.—A completely reconstructed Royal Infirmary is to be Glasgow's memorial of Queen Victoria. For some time past the managers have had in hand £36,500 destined to rebuild the front block, but they want £200,000 over and above that to reconstruct the whole building. It seems likely, too, that they will get it, from the response already made by a few individuals to the appeal—£79,200 of the requisite £200,000 having been subscribed.

## The Orange Room.

During a few days I spent in Holland last summer, I found my way one sweet sunny day, through the shadowy park to the "Huis ten Bosch," the "House in the Wood." This charming royal villa was built about the year 1645, by artists in stone, for Princess Amalia of Solms, widow of a Prince of Orange, and it was in the famous "Orange Room" in this palace that the representatives of twenty-six Powers met, at the instigation of the Tsar, in 1899 in International Peace Conference. Alas! but a few years have come and gone, and Russia, having violated every code of international honour, has forced a sister nation to fight for her existence in the Far East! So much for the professions of the Lord of Peace. The enslavement of free Finland was a tasty political prelude to the determination to gobble up Manchuria, Korea, and, presumably, Japan!

But of the Orange Room! Once inside the palace, one passes through the Chinese and Japanese Rooms—decorated with the exquisite art in embroideries, ceramics, ivories, which the yellow man's hand alone has been inspired to create—into this wonderful golden Saloon. It is octagonal in shape—floored and mounted in gorgeous satinwood; the walls are adorned by the work of Rubens and nine of his pupils, with scenes from the life of Prince Frederick Henry of Orange, and it is lighted partly by a cupola above and in part from windows overlooking beautiful gardens and woodland glades. In the cupola is a portrait of the great Amalia.

An ideal spot in which to dream of Peace and its satellites, all the Fine Arts! As one stands and attempts to realise all that has gone before, in learning, in labour, in love, East and West, before the brain of man could conceive and his hand execute these marvels in wood, and stone, and canvas, one's whole being cries shame on the devilry of destruction, that instinct of brute man when he goes out to kill his fellow man, and, not content with the kill, sweeps away also in red holocaust of hate the beautiful products of peace-time, the visible issue of the Divine in him, the expression of the soul in him—fine work, true work, good work.

Therefore give us Peace!

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