

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



King Carlos delivered an eloquent speech at the opening of the Fifteenth International Medical Congress at Lisbon last week, in the course of which he said that each nation that was contributing to relieve suffering was fighting, in the laboratories, evils by which more people were killed than by wars. The King is himself an ardent student of natural sciences, and the Queen has proved her interest in the problems which concern it by the part she has taken in the fight against tuberculosis.

An interesting statement was made by Professor Boyce, of Liverpool, in regard to the spread of yellow fever, for which he believes the mosquito known as the *Stegomyia Fasciata* is chiefly responsible. The Professor illustrated his lecture with lantern slides. The methods employed of killing these mosquitos in New Orleans and elsewhere resulted in the immediate cessation of the epidemic.

The next International Medical Congress is to be held at Buda-Pest in 1910.

Dr. Herbert Williams, medical officer of the Port of London, alluding in his annual report to the outbreak of cholera on the Continent last year, thinks it extremely probable that it will reappear this year. On this account he considers it may be necessary to place greater restrictions on the landing in this country of alien immigrants.

Many of the London hospitals benefit under the will of the late Mr. George Heigham, of Porchester Terrace, W., who has left the residue of his estate to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

Dr. Fletcher Little, the medical officer of health for Harrow, is endeavouring to induce the Commissioner of Police to grant to the Metropolitan Police one day's rest in every seven.

The Marquesa de Misa has contributed the sum of £500 to the funds of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, for the endowment of a cot in the Clarence Memorial wing of the hospital.

In consequence of the residents of Hayward's Heath deciding to start and maintain a cottage hospital before May 27th, General Booth loses a legacy of £600 left by a nurse.

Mr. Harris Lebus, a large manufacturer in the district, has presented the furniture required for the nurses' and doctors' new quarters at the Tottenham Hospital, the gift being of the value of between £300 and £400.

The Chemists' Exhibition.

The Twelfth Chemists' Exhibition, which has been held during the past week in the Royal Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, Westminster, and ends on the evening of Friday, April 27th, was a very attractive show. It is organised by the *British and Colonial Druggist*, and is attended by thousands of chemists from all parts of the United Kingdom, the Colonies, America, and the Continent of Europe. The decoration of many of the stalls was excellently designed and carried out, and the music provided was of a high order.

A SHOW OF POISON BOTTLES.

To nurses, perhaps, one of the most interesting exhibits was that just inside the entrance of poison bottles of all shapes, sizes and colours. Ribbed and corrugated, blue and green, triangular, square, and one bottle (the Martin) so peculiar in shape that surely no one could fail to distinguish it. Instead of standing upright it lies flat on the table, with a deep dent near the neck of the bottle, which is parallel with the upper side. Then, there was a bottle, bearing the poison guard recently described in these columns, the Lock and Key Poison Bottle, and others. It is a matter in which all nurses are concerned, as they are charged with the frequent handling and administration of poisons, and anything which tends to safety in this respect must be welcomed by them.

JEYES' SANITARY COMPOUNDS COMPANY, LTD.—An interesting stand was that of Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds Company, Ltd., of 64, Cannon Street, E.C., on which their various preparations of Cyllin were largely in evidence. Cyllin Surgical Soap (containing 10 per cent. of Cyllin), Cyllin Dusting Powder, which may be used with an insufflator in the same way as iodoform. Bar Soap and Liquid Soap were also on view, as well as other preparations containing Cyllin.

ALLEN & HANBURY'S, LTD.—Messrs. Allen & Hanburys, of Bethnal Green, E., had a very attractive stand. An appliance which created a great deal of interest shown here was a machine for making tablets of compressed drugs, which turns out 12,000 a minute. Allenburys' Milk Food Cocoa, made with No. 2 Food, and the Milk Food Chocolate, which has a high reputation, were also exhibited.

VINOLIA COMPANY, LTD.—One of the daintiest stands, of which the floral decorations were specially tasteful, was that of Vinolia, on which all kinds of delightful soaps were displayed, which to see was to long for. There is a "Superfine Series" at 6d. a tablet, a White Coal Tar Soap at 4d. per tablet, and Toilet Soap of every type at 2d. A speciality of this firm is the Household Soap, which is guaranteed free from rosin, an adulterant largely used in the manufacture of ordinary soaps.

BRAND & CO., LTD.—The specialities for invalids of Messrs. Brand, of Mayfair, are always a standby in case of illness, and there was a most attractive exhibit at the present exhibition. A special line is the meat juice made from the finest meat. A teaspoonful mixed in a wineglass of soda-water would be readily drunk by many invalids who would refuse more solid or richer food, and is valuable as it is

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