


## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Bill by which it is proposed to incorporate King Edward's Hospital Fund for London came under the consideration of the Earl of Onslow, Chairman of Committees of the Upper House, as an unopposed measure last week. It was presented by Mr. Arthur Pritt, Parliamentary Agent, and Sir Savile Crossley, M.V.O., and Mr. J. Danvers Power, M.V.O., joint Hon. Secretaries, on behalf of the Fund. The Bill was passed, and ordered to be reported to the House for third reading.

The second reading of a Bill entitled the Prohibition of Medical Practice by Companies Bill, was moved by Lord Hylton in the House of Lords on Monday and carried. Its object is to prevent unqualified persons forming companies to trade as medical practitioners. At present it is illegal for one man falsely to represent himself as a physician or surgeon, but several persons may do so if joined in a company. Thus a man convicted and fined for practising medicine when not properly qualified, formed a company and has practised under its shelter ever since. The Bill, Lord Hylton said, was needed to protect, on the one hand, an honourable profession, and on the other the health and lives of the poor whom it would chiefly serve. The second reading of the Dental Companies (Restriction of Practice) Bill was also moved by Lord Hylton, and referred to the same Committee. Its object is similar to the former Bill, but it differs in allowing the formation of dental companies if they employ fully qualified men. This the medical Bill prohibits.

At the Annual Meeting of the Governors and supporters of the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Maida-vale, the Chairman, Mr. Charles Drummond, made an earnest appeal for increased financial assistance. At the conclusion of the meeting a presentation of a cheque for 400 guineas and a silver salver was made to Mr. H. Howgrave Graham, the Secretary, who is retiring from the position, as a recognition of his valuable work. Mr. Graham, who had served the institution for 25 years, is succeeded by Mr. H. W. Burleigh, Assistant Secretary of the Royal Sea Bathing Infirmary.

A movement is on foot among the Jewish population to establish a Jewish Hospital in the East End of London. On behalf of the scheme a substantial amount has been already promised.

At the annual Court of Governors of the Evelina Hospital for Children the Chairman announced that the Lord Mayor had consented to visit the hospital and open the new out-patients' department on May 23rd.

Under most distinguished patronage a concert in aid of the Royal Ear Hospital will take place at Stafford House, by kind permission of the Duke of Sutherland, on Thursday, May 9th prox., at three p.m. There are very few tickets left, and they can be obtained on application to Stafford House, or of the Secretary, the Royal Ear Hospital, Dean Street, Soho, W.

On Tuesday, March 5th, a brilliant assemblage of Chinese officials, foreign Consuls, and others met at the new hospital in Mukden, founded by Dr. Christie, for the opening ceremony, which was performed by the Governor-General of Feng-tein, H. E. Chao-erh-sun.

On behalf of Dr. Christie, Mr. H. E. Fulford, H.B.M. Consul-General, presented the Governor-General with a silver casket, bearing a Chinese inscription, and containing a key, with which his Excellency proceeded to unlock the dispensary door, and, turning the key in the lock, expressed his great pleasure at declaring the institution open.

Dr. Christie said that the hospital opened that day had been the growth of twenty-five years, and told of the generous assistance which it had received from the Governor-General. His Excellency, in reply, expressed his admiration for the new building, and his cordial appreciation of Dr. Christie's many years of honourable service "during which, alas, he has suffered grief and loss, for which China is ashamed to-day." Other congratulatory speeches followed from the Consul-Generals of various nationalities. The following day there was a large gathering of Chinese Christians, when the building was solemnly dedicated to Almighty God for His service in the cause of suffering humanity, and the following day the commercial magnates of the city, 150 strong, visited the hospital to express their congratulations, and presented many gifts.

## Our Foreign Letter.

A NURSE'S HOLIDAY IN KAFFIRLAND.



Kaffirland will not be found on any modern map as it is now merged with Cape Colony. However, the

name by which it was formerly known seems best for my purpose, which is to describe how two nurses spent a month among the Kaffirs. The white people we met were few, and, perhaps, they would all come under the designation of Europeans. We will just mention them before dismissing them entirely from the narrative.

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