

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Notice is given in the *London Gazette* that a petition of her Majesty the Queen and the Right Honourable Lord Rothschild, G.C.V.O., praying for the grant of a Charter for the incorporation of the British Red Cross Society, has been presented to his Majesty in Council; and his Majesty, having referred the petition to a committee of the Lords of the Council, further notice is given that all petitions for or against such grant should be sent to the Privy Council Office on or before the 6th day of July, 1908.

Princess Louise Duchess of Argyll has consented to open a garden fête in aid of the funds of the Charing Cross Hospital, in the grounds of the Royal Botanic Society, Regent's Park, on Tuesday, July 7th. The programme of the fête is being arranged by Miss Italia Conti, and will include a performance of the Forest scenes from "As You Like It" by well-known artists.

Earl Cawdor, treasurer of the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, has received a cheque for £3,000, being on account of their share of the residue of the estate of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Mason, of St. Leonards-on-Sea.

Lady Dimsdale has intimated that after all expenses are paid in connection with the Clarence Wing Fête at St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, over £7,000 will be handed over to the Board of the Hospital.

Mr. Macleod Yearsley, F.R.C.S., senior surgeon to the Royal Ear Hospital, has been appointed lecturer on anatomy and physiology to the Baling Training College for Teachers of the Deaf.

The late Dr. Bickersteth has left £10,000 to Liverpool Royal Infirmary, and in accordance with the donor's wishes the money will be devoted to extending and improving the out-patients' department of the institution. It is understood that the governors of the infirmary propose to undertake a much larger extension scheme than is provided for by this gift, and that they will make a public appeal.

During the past few years the Port Glasgow town council has several times had under consideration a proposal to appoint a lady sanitary inspector in the burgh, but while sympathising with the suggestion the council could not see its way to incur the expenditure which such an appointment would entail. The matter has, however, now been settled by the generous action of a Port Glasgow lady, who has intimated that she is prepared to pay the salary of

a lady sanitary inspector for three years. The town council has decided to accept the offer.

An International Association for Cancer Research has been founded in Berlin to promote the investigation of cancer and the cure of cancer patients, the collection and publishing of international cancer statistics, and the establishment of an international centre of information on all matters concerning cancer research. Other objects of the association are the publication of an international technical organ and the organisation of international cancer conferences. So far, 13 States, including all the great Powers except Great Britain, have joined the association, the seat of which will be at Berlin.

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