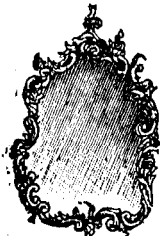


Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The seventy-sixth annual general meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Sheffield from the 24th to the 31st inst., under the presidency of Mr. Simeon Snell, ophthalmic surgeon, Royal Infirmary, Sheffield. Seventeen scientific sections have been arranged, and the programmes promise full and interesting discussion owing to the large attendance of men of eminence promised from various parts of the British Empire and foreign countries.

About 100 French physicians paid a visit to St. Bartholomew's Hospital by invitation last week. They were received in the Great Hall by Dr. Norman Moore, the senior physician, and were then divided into two parties, who in turn visited the buildings of the medical school, certain of the wards, and the new out-patient block. In the museum a special demonstration of historical or unique specimens was arranged by the pathologist. In the wards the details of the medical and nursing arrangements were explained, and a report on the training of the nurses at the hospital, drawn up by the matron, was presented to each of the visitors. They were then shown the sisters' rooms, the lavatories, the ward kitchen, etc. In the out-patient department demonstrations of cases of special interest were arranged by the heads of the special departments, including the Swedish exercises in vogue in the orthopaedic department and the X-ray apparatus and special electrical appliances. A short historical account of the hospital and of the Church of St. Bartholomew the Great, which was afterwards visited, was distributed to each.

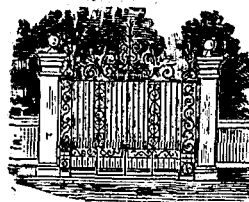
At a meeting of the House Committee of the London Hospital on Monday, it was proposed by Lord Derby, seconded by the Hon. Sydney Holland, and carried unanimously, that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Lord Mayor for his generosity and kindness in giving a dinner at the Mansion House in aid of the Hospital. The result of the dinner had been to add £12,214 to the contributions sent in response to the hospital's quinquennial appeal for funds.

We hope, next week, to print an important letter, published in the *Lancet*, which demonstrates conclusively the danger to which the public is subjected from the present lack of nursing organisation.

The new Convalescent Home at Hitchin, presented to the German Hospital by Messrs. Fritz König and Hans König, and partly endowed by Baron von Schröder and Baron Bruno Schröder, was formally opened on Saturday last. The home has accommodation for forty inmates, and stands in about ten acres of ground.

Outside the Gates.

WOMEN.



A national conference on the industrial training of women and girls, called by the Women's Industrial Council, will be held in the Council Chamber of the Guildhall, London, on Tuesday, October 6th. The Lord Mayor has promised to open the proceedings in the morning, when the subject for consideration will be the trade training of girls. In the early part of the afternoon industrial training for unemployed women dependent on their own earnings will be discussed, with Mrs. Ramsay Macdonald in the chair. In the latter half of the afternoon the Hon. Mrs. Ernest Franklin will preside, and the training of working-class girls as children's nurses will be discussed by Dr. G. L. McCleary, Mrs. Carl Meyer, Mrs. Bernard Mole, Dr. Jane Walker, and Miss Rosa Barrett (Dublin).

Mr. Robert Pearce introduced into the House of Commons on Monday a Bill to enact that "every girl or woman undergoing imprisonment in consequence of an offence of a political character shall be detained and treated as a first-class misdemeanant only unless such offence has been committed with damage to property or grievous bodily harm to some person." The Political Offenders' Punishment Bill seeks to limit the discretionary power of the magistrate, and to reduce the punishment of such offenders to practically mere detention except in cases of damage to property or grievous bodily harm.

This is very necessary, as the treatment of these political prisoners as common criminals is very repugnant to public feeling, and accusations of malice upon the part of intolerant magistrates are freely made. Our "Votes for Women" prisoners have shown such admirable endurance under their harsh sentences that "Suffragette" is becoming synonymous for "grit," a quality with which the nation, as a whole, is not at present over-burdened.

A demonstration in support of the Suffrage for Women was held on Sunday afternoon in Heaton Park, Manchester. The grounds were thronged. Speeches were delivered from 13 separate platforms, around each of which was grouped a perfectly orderly and attentive crowd. After an hour's speaking, the following resolution was put simultaneously from all the platforms, and was carried in each case by large majorities:—"That this mass meeting expresses its sympathy with the prisoners now in Holloway, and calls upon the Government to enfranchise the women of the country on the same terms as men without delay."

Now that equal rights have been accorded to both sexes in the Prussian Universities women who have

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