

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

By the death of His Serene Highness Prince Francis of Teck the Middlesex Hospital suffers a severe loss. As Chairman of the Hospital, the Prince was indefatigable in his efforts for its welfare, and raised £20,000 to free it from debt. The patients at the hospital, with whom Prince Francis was a great favourite, are subscribing for a wreath to be sent to Windsor Castle for the funeral. There is universal sorrow for her Majesty the Queen in her sad and unexpected bereavement.

The King and Queen have become patrons of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, and his Majesty has become patron of the London Lock Hospital and Rescue Home, Harrow Road, W.

Prince Arthur of Connaught has accepted the office of President of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and was formally elected at a quarterly Board of Governors held at the Hospital last week.

Princess Henry of Battenberg recently motored from Osborne Cottage to St. Lawrence, and saw the Royal National Hospital for Consumptives at Ventnor, of which the King is Patron. Her Royal Highness made a thorough inspection of the Hospital, and also visited the chapel and grounds. She was specially interested in the treatment by graduated work, which was seen in operation.

The Treasurers of the Middlesex Hospital Cancer Charity have received the sum of £1,000 from Mrs. Clara Cumines to name a bed in perpetuity.

We are not surprised to find Sir William Collins writing to the *Times* to call attention to the urgent need for an efficient ambulance service for dealing promptly with accidents in the streets within the County of London. By the Metropolitan Ambulances Act, which Sir William was fortunate in piloting through Parliament last session, the London County Council is now in a position to establish and maintain an efficient service for the County like that which has worked so well in the City. When is the L.C.C. going to put into action the powers which it has possessed since October, 1909? Considering that from a return recently published it appears that vehicular accidents alone amounted in 1909 to over 12,000 in the Metropolitan district exclusive of the City, it is indeed time that public opinion should make itself felt in relation to this question.

This year's Nobel Prize for Medicine has been awarded to Professor Albrecht Kossel, the physiologist of Heidelberg. Each prize will amount on this occasion to 193,360f. (£7,734).

The Bishop of Kensington, speaking at the Church House, at a meeting in celebration of the White Cross League, said that its aim was to lay the question of social and personal purity upon the heart and conscience of the whole Church. A representative of the German White Cross League said there were now 327 groups in Germany, and that

the movement had spread to Switzerland, China, Turkey, and South Africa.

SCIENCE IN MODERN LIFE.

Every comfort, every necessity of modern life, hinges upon science. No person can read handbooks upon all the sciences, yet every intelligent being wishes to know something about modern discoveries which are likely to lead to inventions and discoveries greater than those we yet even dream of. A woman—Madame Curie—succeeded in separating a small fraction of a gramme of radium from one ton of pitch-blend. The ultimate results of this great work are hidden in the future.

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"When the atoms part from a substance
That suffers loss; but another is gaining an
increase;
So that as one thing wanes, another bursts into
blossom,
Soon in its turn to be left. Thus turns the
Universe always—
Gain out of loss."

The sixth and last volume deals with Engineering. The educational value of the work cannot be over-estimated, and the hope may be expressed that it will find a place on the shelves of not a few nurses' libraries. The publishers are The Gresham Publishing Company. E. A. S.

INFANT CONSULTATIONS.

A Society of Officers of "Infant Consultations" has been formed at a meeting held at the Marylebone Dispensary, 77, Welbeck Street, London, W., the objects of which are (a) to bring into closer relationship all those engaged or interested in the work of such institutions; (b) to promote the establishment of similar institutions and to advise as to their organisation; (c) from time to time to hold meetings for the reading of papers and the holding of discussions on subjects germane to the work of "infant consultations"; (d) for the recording of experience gained by individuals engaged in the work; (e) for the collection of literature, statistics, and reports bearing on the subject. Dr. Wynter Blyth presided at last week's meeting, and the speakers were Dr. Eric Pritchard and Dr. Sykes.

A SEA BATH AT HOME.

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