Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

To perpetuate the memory of King Edward in Hampshire it has been decided to establish a King Edward Hospital Fund to aid and support the hospitals in the county.

The German Emperor has signified his willingness to accept a medical degree from the German University of Prague, and the university authorities have obtained the necessary sanction from the Emperor Francis Joseph. The ceremony will be performed in the Throne Room of the Berlin Schloss by the Rector of the Prague German University, and the Senior Professors of the Medical Faculty, in their most magnificent attire.

His Excellency the Earl of Aberdeen, K.T., has consented to act as Patron of the Twenty-sixth Annual Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute, to be held at Belfast from July 24th till 29th, 1911. The Right Hon. Lord Dunleath, D.L., J.P., has consented to act as President of the Congress. The public meetings to inaugurate arrangements for the meeting will be held at the City Hall, Belfast, on Tuesday, January 31st.

The other day the authorities of Guy's Hospital found themselves obliged to take out a licence for the right to use the coat of arms which appears on the hospital gates, and at the head of the nurses' certificates. Now the Leeds Workpeople's Hospital Fund Company have been fined for keeping a male servant (a gardener) without a licence at the Convalescent Home, Ilkley. Charitable institutions will, therefore, have to bear in mind that if they employ a gardener he is a male servant for whom licence duty must be paid.

The Council of the Chelsea Hospital for Women state for the information of any that may receive unauthorised appeals that it has discontinued the use of collecting boxes outside the hospital precincts.

The Second Annual Simple Life Conference and Exhibition will be held in the Caxton Hall, Westminster, from March 21st to 24th, 1911. The objects are to simplify modern life, and to introduce into homes healthy food and hygienic decorations, to teach rational physical culture, and to inculcate a love of simple and beautiful architecture. Season tickets for the Conference and Exhibition, price 2s. 6d., may be obtained for 6d. from the Simple Life Exhibition, 22 and 24, Great Portland Street, W., before March 1st.

Lord Winterstoke has given £5,000 to the special fund being raised for the extension of the Bristol General Hospital.

Mr. William F. Dennehy is appealing in the press for subscriptions in aid of the Irish nuns expelled from Portugal by the Revolutionary Government, as they are at present entirely destitute, and dependent on the generosity of others, as their few possessions have been confiscated. These nuns have been invited by an American prelate to form a new foundation in his diocese, but to enable them to do so it is essential that they should be provided with money for their travelling expenses and necessary equipment. Contributions should be forwarded to the *Irish Catholic* Office, 90, Middle Abbey Street, Dublin.

M. Louis Lapicque, in an interesting communication to the Academie des Sciences, claims to demonstrate that large eyes indicate a big brain.

The Central Poor Law Conference.

Lord Stradbroke will preside at the 39th Annual Central Poor Law Conference, to be held on February 21st and 22nd at the Guildhall. The Conference will be opened by the Lord Mayor. The subjects for discussion are to be introduced by Mr. H. Beaumont (Clerk to the Wakefield Board of Guardians) and Sir William Chance (Chairman of the Central Committee of Poor Law Conferences). The former will, on the morning of February 21st, read a paper entitled "Reform from within, with special reference to reforms—(a) which the Guardians themselves can initiate; and (b) which require either legislation, special order, or authority from the Local Government Board." The second day's Conference will be given up to the discussion of Mr. Beaumont's paper and of one by Sir William Chance on "The Problem of the Feeble-Minded."

In Attractive Offer.

Lemco (Liebig's Extract of Meat Company, Ltd.), 4, Lloyd's Avenue, London, E.C., are making an attractive offer to users of this beef essence. In order to emphasise its value in the preparation of soups, sauces, gravies, etc., they are giving their



customers the opportunity of obtaining free a set of six handsome, full-sized Bouillon spoons, free of charge, in exchange for Lemco weight coupons. The spoons are of the new circular bowl shape, of a special design reserved exclusively for Lemco, manufactured of the finest Elkington plate. They are of full size, 7 inches long by 2½ inches in diameter. Coupons representing 16 oz. of Lemco, and 1d. in stamps to cover postage, entitle the holder to one spoon, and they increase by one spoon per pound up to coupons representing 6 lbs. of Lemco and 4d. in stamps, which entitle the holder to six spoons in a handsome satin-lined case.

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