

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE yearly dinner in aid of the funds of The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, Bloomsbury, was held on Saturday evening in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole. The Duke of YORK took the chair; in acknowledging the toast of "The Prince and Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," he said that both his parents had always felt great interest in the welfare of The Hospital for Sick Children. His mother laid the foundation stone of the present building in 1874, and his father and mother opened the new wing last year. He went on to propose the patriotic toasts, remarking that they rejoiced to hear of the important steps now being taken to increase the efficiency of the Navy, and that those who had served in the Navy could fully realize how much the vital interests of the Empire were placed in its keeping.

The Duke of YORK also proposed the toast of the evening, "Success and Prosperity to The Hospital for Sick Children." In bringing the claims of the charity to notice, he said, he would briefly refer to the objects with which it had been established and the principle on which it was governed. The principle was that poverty and sickness combined were the only qualifications necessary to obtain an entrance. The objects were the medical and surgical treatment of poor children, the attainment and diffusion of knowledge regarding the diseases of children, and the training of Nurses for sick children. It should also be mentioned that the Hospital was the parent of all other Children's Hospitals, as it was the first institution of the kind in Great Britain. It began in 1852, and no fewer than 600,000 children had passed through its hands. Within the last few years it had been found absolutely necessary to make extensive additions to the then existing buildings. More cots were required; the accommodation of the working staff was quite inadequate; the out-patient department was far too small and very inconvenient. By the new buildings opened last year, 68 new cots were added; the out-patient department was enlarged and remodelled, and by further additions for the working staff the committee were enabled to administer the affairs of the Hospital far more efficiently and with greater economy. But the cost of these necessary buildings was very heavy. There remained still the sum of £9,300 unpaid.

To this must be added a further sum of £2,000, the deficit of working expenses over income in 1893 and 1894. It was to wipe out this debt of £11,300 that he asked for support that night. Donations to the amount of £10,066 were announced.

THE Duke of CAMBRIDGE, K.G., will preside at the Triennial Festival of the Governors and Friends of Charing Cross Hospital, on Saturday, May the 19th.

SURGEON-MAJOR GENERAL T. PINKERTON, retired list, has been appointed Honorary Physician to the QUEEN.

LAST month, the Council of University College, Liverpool, received the offer of the sum of £10,000 from Mr. GEORGE FIELD, to enclose a Chair of Pathology; and, at a recent meeting of the Committee, it was announced that Mr. HENRY TATE had given books valued at £5,000, and that Lord DERBY had given £10,000 to endow a Chair of Anatomy.

THE Annual Report of the Victoria Hospital for Children, for 1893, has just been sent to us. As usual, it shows a splendid record of excellent work, no less than 1,120 patients having been admitted into the Hospital during the twelve months, and this notwithstanding the fact that the Hospital was closed for two months during the summer for alterations and repairs.

THE Report of the Liverpool Royal Infirmary for 1893 has just been received. It commences by expressing the satisfaction of the Committee at finding in Miss CHARLOTTE BANN, the qualities which they had been led to expect from her previous high record in the Nursing world. The work of the Hospital continues rapidly to increase; but, unfortunately, the receipts do not appear to have equally advanced. So valuable a charity in so rich a city should certainly receive more general and greater support.

THE Middlesbrough Nursing Association, whose Report for 1893 we have just received, shows an increasing amount of excellent work done under its auspices. During the past year 490 cases had been attended, receiving in the aggregate close upon 15,000 visits. Consequently, the Committee have been obliged to engage a fourth district Nurse. Unfortunately the town and district of Middlesbrough do not seem to support this excellent

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