

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE PRINCE AND PRINCESS OF WALES have consented to open the new front building of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, on Monday, July 22nd.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales (President of St. Bartholomew's Hospital) is to be present at the consecration of Rahere Lodge No. 2546, at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on the afternoon of Saturday, the 29th inst. Freemasons who are, or who have been connected with the Hospital and who desire to be present at the ceremony should communicate with Mr. T. G. A. Burns, the Secretary, 25, Welbeck Street, or to Mr. D'Arcy Power, the treasurer designate, 26, Bloomsbury Square, W.C. Applicants should state the name and number of the Members' Lodge as well as their standing in the craft.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian has consented to become President of the Ladies' Committee at the forthcoming annual meeting of the British Medical Association in London.

Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York have graciously consented to receive a deputation from the Victoria Hospital for Children, at York House, St. James', who will present to their Royal Highnesses a cot, endowed in perpetuity, in commemoration of the birth of Prince Edward of York, together with list of the names of the contributors to the fund, the amount raised being about £1,400.

At a meeting of the Council of University College, held on the 15th inst., Dr. F. T. Roberts, F.R.C.P.Lond., was elected Professor of Medicine.

The Trustees of Smith's (Kensington Estate) Charity have generously granted a donation of £500 to the special fund for opening the closed wards at St. Thomas's Hospital.

At a meeting of the general committee of the General Hospital, Birmingham, held on the 7th inst., a silver tea tray and a cheque for £196 11s. 6d. were presented to Dr. Willoughby F. Wade, in recognition of the valued services rendered by him for many years as physician.

The following Fellows of the Royal College of Surgeons of England have been nominated as candidates for seats on the Council, to fill five vacancies caused through retirement and death, viz.: Mr. Alfred Willett, Mr. W. Anderson, Mr. H. T. Butlin, Mr. Alfred Cooper, Dr. Ward Cousins, Mr. Davies-Colley, Mr. A. T. Norton, Mr. H. W. Page, and Mr. Frederick Treves. The retiring Councillors are Sir Spencer Wells, Mr. Jonathan Hutchinson, and Mr. Alfred Willett. The last-named gentleman offers himself for re-election. The seats vacant through death are those lately occupied by Mr. Hulke, President, and Mr. Arthur E. Durham. The election will take place on July 4th.

Guy's Hospital has this year won the Championship in the United Hospitals Sport, which was last year held by St. Bartholomew's.

The Newhills Convalescent Home near Aberdeen is evidently conducted on thrifty Scotch principles. In the Cottage there, and in the branch at Stonehaven 241 patients were treated last year. At the little home at Stonehaven 30 female patients were admitted last season, and the whole cost was about £52.

Co-operation is the keynote of to-day. A new home, the Co-operative Seaside Home, has just been begun at West Kilbride, which is to be supported by the various co-operative societies of the West of Scotland. Its estimated cost is £9,000, towards which Mr. W. Barclay, of Glasgow, has contributed £2,000.

The Kashmir Medical Mission and Leper Hospital appears to be working on some such lines as are adopted at the Epileptic Colony at Chalfont. At Kashmir, the site of the Asylum is described as being most beautiful and healthy, and the land has been planted with young fruit trees, and wheat is also raised, the lepers being employed in grass-cutting and other light work. The patients are stated to have much improved under treatment, and a few "seem almost cured."

At the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Counties Branch of the British Medical Association, held on Tuesday last, Mr. H. Trentham Butlin, surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, was elected President for the year 1896. At the same meeting Dr. J. W. J. Oswald, Vice-President of the Incorporated Medical Practitioners' Association, was elected to represent the branch on the Council.

## Charity Chat.

CANON WILBERFORCE, in his sermon in Westminster Abbey in aid of the Hospital Sunday Fund, told the following anecdote of the late Sir Andrew Clark, the celebrated physician. Sir Andrew was attending an intimate friend of the Canon's whose case was most serious. He and Canon Wilberforce were at the patient's bedside, when a telegram was brought to Sir Andrew requesting him to go immediately in his professional capacity to the South of France. Sir Andrew replied stating that he was unable to leave London, as he was attending a patient whose life was in the balance. To this communication a telegram came in reply stating that the fee would be 5,000 guineas. "Sir Andrew," said Canon Wilberforce, "showed me the telegram, and immediately sat down and wrote that the question of remuneration had nothing whatever to do with his previous refusal—that the case he had in charge claimed his first attention."

At a large meeting held to consider in what way the best testimonial could be offered to Sir Henry Irving, to celebrate the knighthood which has been conferred upon him, there was a strong expression of feeling that as Sir Henry had always been a warm friend to actors suffering from illness, the foundation of a Convalescent Home would be the most appropriate mark of esteem that could be offered.

Speaking of Irving, he told a capital anecdote the other night when speaking at the

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