

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



A PRESENT of game for the use of the patients of St. George's Hospital has been sent to this Hospital by command of the Queen.

The Queen has forwarded twenty pheasants for the use of the patients of St. Thomas's Hospital.

A grand morning concert, under the immediate patronage of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, will be given in the Queen's Hall on Thursday, June 11th, in aid of the Ladies' Association Endowment Fund, Great Northern Central Hospital, to which the Duchess, who is the President of the Fund, has given a donation of £20.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany has consented to preside at a ceremony in connection with the reopening of the wards of the East London Hospital for Children, to be held on Wednesday, February 26th, at 3 p.m.

The Cheyne Hospital for Children, Cheyne Walk, Chelsea, has received a present of game from the Princess of Wales, who is the President of the Hospital. Captain Frederick Saunders has forwarded a cheque for £200 to the Committee as a grant from the estate of the late Miss Caroline Saunders.

A continuation of the Christmas festivities for patients of the Chelsea Hospital for Women was held on Saturday evening last, under the management and largely at the expense of the Ladies' Committee. Tea was followed with songs and a zither solo by Dr. Giles. Mr. Russell gave a ventriloquial entertainment, and the Christmas tree was then distributed. A very pleasant evening was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the Ladies' Committee.

A most successful Matinee Fancy Dress Fête and Dance was held in the Albert Hall, Nottingham, last week, in aid of the Children's Hospital. Many children were present arranged in charming costumes, their little hearts and feet all the lighter for the good cause for which they capered.

The fifth annual treat to the children promoted by Miss Purvis, Matron of the Nurses' Home, Middlesbrough, was given last night in the Town Hall, and was a great success, the only matter for regret being the unavoidable absence of Lady Zetland. Lady Zetland has from the very commencement taken a very keen interest in this treat to the children from the homes of those who have been nursed by the Nurses from the Home, and has always sent the Christmas tree, which plays a prominent part in the proceedings. The tea is given to children whom the Nurses at the Home have attended, or children whose fathers or mothers have been nursed by the zealous and sympathetic ladies. They are, therefore, all known to the Nurses, who are in a position to pretty accurately gauge their circumstances. The tradespeople and others again this year responded liberally to the appeal of the Nurses for aid in their seasonable endeavour to give pleasure and happiness to little ones whose homes had been under the cloud of sickness and suffering, and the result was that Miss Purvis was in a position to distribute 500 tickets for the tea and Christmas tree.

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A New York correspondent says: "A case of 'acromygalia,' which is said to be the rarest of all known diseases, is now absorbing the attention of the New York College of Dentistry. The victim, John Molanski, is undergoing a strange bodily metamorphosis. His hands and feet are lengthening, and his face is gradually assuming the characteristics of a past age. The degeneration, or as some doctors think it, the retrogression of Molanski is steady, and bids fair to result in the evolving of the long-sought 'missing link.'"

As proving the antiquity of Hospitals it is interesting to learn that a Hospital was situated at Epidaurus, and dedicated to Æsculapius. It was in full working order 500 years B.C. A Greek Hospital is expressly mentioned by the poet Crates, in the middle of the fifth century B.C.

A very early Hospital was "The Palace of Emania" (in Ireland) "founded about 300 B.C., by the Princess Macha of the Golden Hair, and continued to be the chief Royal residence of Ulster until 332 A.D. To this palace were attached two houses—one, the house in which the Red Branch Knights hung up their arms and trophies; the other, in which the sick were cared for and the wounded healed. The latter was called by the expressive name, Broin Brang, the house of sorrow."

The West of England Institution for the Blind, which has its headquarters at St. David's Hill, Exeter, is providing hot water coseys made by blind people. They will be glad to receive orders for these articles, which, complete with tin can, and carriage free, are provided at prices ranging from 11s. 6d. to 21s. The cans are in copper, brass, or zinc.

At the General Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Lincoln County Hospital, the Secretary (Mr. W. B. Danby) read the abstract of the yearly accounts from January 1st to December 31st last. The total receipts amounted to £4,923 11s. 5d. That amount included—subscriptions £1,504 1s., donations £20, collections in churches £852 18s. 8d., collections in chapels £91 13s. 10d., collection in Cathedral after sermon preached by the Rev. Dr. Talbot, vicar of Leeds, £46 6s. 6d.; Hospital Saturday collection:—Lincoln, £323 14s. 9d.; Cainsborough, £176; Sleaford, £145; Horncastle, £29 13s. 8d.; total Hospital Saturday collections, £674 8s. 5d.; interests, £684 14s. 9d.; dividends, £571 8s. 8d. The balance due to the treasurer on this account was £688 4s. 1d. The payments amounted to £4,773 0s. 1d., and the balance due to the treasurer on the last account amounted to £838 15s. 5d., bringing up the total to £5,611 15s. 6d. The capital account for the year show that the total receipts were £7,927 12s. 2d., including £5,000 on account of the residue of Miss Ann Wells, Leasingham. The balance due to the treasurer on this account was £5,746 10s. 5d. Continuing, Mr. Danby pointed out that it would be seen that instead of having an adverse balance of £838 they had succeeded in reducing the balance to £688 4s. 1d. The matron's weekly accounts showed a decrease of about £147, and that was accounted for to a certain extent by the fact that, during the past year, the daily average number of patients maintained in the Institution had been only 86, as compared with 96 during the preceding year. There was also a reduction in the tradesmen's bills, accounted for by the fact that they had had the heavy painting bills to pay for. He hoped that, at the close of the year, instead of having an increased balance against them, they would decrease it or wipe it off altogether.

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