

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Duke and Duchess of York visited the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, on Friday last, when the chairman, Mr. Arthur Lucas, and, we presume, the Lady Superintendent, took their Royal Highnesses round the wards. The Duchess distributed toys to 140 children, who were very delighted.

A morning concert, under the immediate patronage of the Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, the Duchess of Albany, the Duchess of Fife, and the Duchess of Teck, will be given at Queen's Hall, on June 11th, in aid of the Ladies' Association Endowment Fund, Great Northern Central Hospital. The endowment fund has been organised, under the presidency of the Duchess of York, to provide for the permanent maintenance of the Victoria Mary Ward. The concert is under the direction of Sir Augustus Harris.

The Duchess of Marlborough will open the bazaar in aid of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road (at Queen's Hall, Langham Place), on the second day of the bazaar, June 24th. Countess Cowper, Lady Leucha Warner, Lady Amherst of Hackney, and Lady Birkbeck, will be among the stallholders.

As a memorial to the late Prince Henry of Battenberg it has been decided to enlarge the accommodation for patients at the Royal National Hospital for Consumption at Ventnor, the previous project of a lifeboat and a granite obelisk in the Isle of Wight having been abandoned, and the Queen has sanctioned the naming of the new block of houses as follows:—"In memory of his Royal Highness Colonel Prince Henry of Battenberg, K.G., Governor of the Isle of Wight." Princess Henry of Battenberg has expressed her warm sympathy with the proposal, adding that the late Prince Henry always took great interest in the hospital.

Admiral de Horsey writes that the Governors of the Ventnor Hospital have *assumed* that this is the form the memorial will take; but that it has not been decided.

The United States Minister has just shipped from Tokio to the Medical Bureau of the War Department, at Washington, a complete field equipment of the Japanese Ambulance Corps, consisting of the various surgical instruments and appliances used in the Japanese army during the recent war, under the direction of the medical staff and the officers of the Red Cross organisation.

It has been recently pointed out that whereas the sum of £1,375,571 is annually raised to further foreign mission work, only about £316,000 is subscribed for London Hospitals!

The Committee of the Birmingham General Hospital report the diminution of their subscription list, and

appeal for more annual subscribers. The new building is making rapid progress, and it is hoped that by the middle of the summer the main building will be roofed in. A special appeal is made for contributions towards the great expense of the new Hospital.

The Children's and General Hospital at Walthamstow was much needed to suit the requirements of a population of some 150,000 persons. It at present consists of twenty beds, seven of which are used for adults but alterations are in hand for providing an additional twenty beds. Donations and annual subscriptions are badly needed. In the annual report the Committee pays a high tribute to the Matron, Miss Hunter, for her devotion and efficiency. Inquiries are made as to the patients admitted to prevent the abuse of the charity.

Dr. Reid, Medical Officer of the Staffordshire County Council, has drawn up an elaborate scheme for providing Isolation Hospitals in the county, and has suggested a Hospital Board for the whole of South Staffordshire. To this the other public bodies will not agree. They regard it as savouring too much of centralisation and out of harmony with the right of each district to deal as it will with its own sick.

The foundation stone of the new Hospital and Nurses' Home at Portsea Island was laid last week. A reception was held in the new laundry, which had been charmingly decorated for the occasion, and suggested anything but a place for clothes-washing purposes. The Hospital is badly needed.

The Misses Ratcliff have given the generous sum of £2,500 to the extension and improvements at the Burton General Infirmary.

The excellent work done by the Liverpool Ladies Charity and Lying-in-Hospital was set forth at the centenary meeting last week. A house has been acquired to allow of a further development of the training department for Nurses.

The Governors of University College Hospital have formulated a scheme for the gradual building of a Hospital of not less than 300 beds. Lord Monkswell, the new Treasurer, announces "an alarming reduction in the amount of subscriptions, donations and legacies."

The Lord Mayor of London and the Sheriffs paid a visit last week to the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Road, and were met at the Hospital by several of the Governors. The Lord Mayor said he was pleased to know that the City of London had always been the pioneers in work for the relief of those in sickness and distress, and he recognised in this Hospital an Institution distinctly connected with the City. He was gratified to know that the oldest Children's Hospital, so closely allied to the City, should be in a fairly satisfactory condition, but there was much left for the charitable public to do in helping to wipe off the deficit.

A special meeting of the Governors of the Belgrave Hospital for Children was held on Saturday at Grosvenor House, and a scheme for reconstituting and rebuilding the Hospital was approved.

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