

**Reflections**

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE following resolution has been passed by the Committee of the Humanitarian League:—"That this Committee is of opinion that the institution of the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund for London, is likely to be a cause of more harm than good to the general community, if it is used as a means of postponing the much-needed public or municipal control of London hospitals, and unless adequate guarantees are given that the sums subscribed to the fund shall be administered wholly for humane purposes, and not what is called 'the advancement of medical science' by experimentation on men or animals."

Dr. W. G. Collins, who has been elected Chairman of the London County Council, has had a most distinguished medical career. Educated at University College School, he graduated Bachelor of Science, with honours, at the University of London in 1880. He received his medical training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and took his M.B., with honours, scholarship, and gold medal, and B.S. in 1881, M.D. in 1882, and Master of Surgery in 1885. In 1883 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, and in 1887 gained a diploma, with gold medal, in Public Health.

It is reported that a splendid new Military Hospital is to be erected on the site upon which Millbank Prison once stood.

The annual meeting of Governors of the West London Hospital was held on the 3rd instant in the new wing of the institution in Hammersmith Road.

The fortieth annual report of the Board of Management, which was submitted to the meeting, showed that there had been substantial gains under most heads of the revenue during the past year, but owing to the smaller awards from the Sunday and Saturday Funds there was an actual loss of income for working the hospital to the extent of £28.

It was announced that so successful was the bazaar which the Prince and Princess of Wales opened in May last in aid of the building fund that it realised a sum of upwards of £3,000.

It was reported that the amount required for the completion and equipment of all the buildings of the West London Hospital was £63,000, and that it would be a great blessing if such a sum could be given to it. But in the meantime it was a duty and obligation to keep up and increase the amount of subscriptions, because the district which the hospital served was rapidly growing both in population and in value. As to the immediate needs of the institution, a sum of £9,000 was still required to free it from debt, and a further sum of £2,000 for the furniture and equipment of the new wards. In order to show the need there was for the opening of the new wards, it

was mentioned that there was a weekly average of 57 approved cases waiting for admission, and that last Monday the number was no less than 72. If they could open all the wards included in the larger scheme they would raise the number of beds, which was now 97, to 250, but what they wanted at the present moment was £10,000 or £12,000, which would enable them to open wards containing about 80 additional beds and cots.

At the annual court of the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, the Secretary (Mr. G. H. Southern) stated that the last year had been an especially trying one to most hospitals, and that the Royal Hospital had been forced to borrow £1,000 from the bankers to meet its liabilities. It was also announced that a special Diamond Jubilee fund had been opened to raise £10,000 to place the Hospital in a more satisfactory financial position. The Lord Mayor, who was in the chair, warmly advocated the claims of the Hospital. Donations to the special appeal fund amounting to £1,432 were announced.

A meeting was recently held at the Mansion House, under the presidency of the Lord Mayor, in aid of the Special Appeal for £100,000 for the Charing Cross Hospital. This sum is required for the following purposes: £50,000 for existing liabilities and the estimated deficiency of income for the next five years, and £50,000 for new buildings, these being an outpatient department, a nursing home, special wards for special cases, and rooms for the resident medical staff. It is to be hoped that this appeal may meet with a generous response.

At a special meeting of the staff of the Medical School of Guy's Hospital it was unanimously resolved "That the physicians, surgeons, and lecturers of Guy's Hospital desire to express to Her Majesty's Government their earnest hope that a measure may be introduced into Parliament this Session to appoint a Statutory Commission for the reconstruction of the University of London, in accordance with the report of Lord Cowper's Commission."

At the Quarterly Court of the Hospital for Consumption, Brompton, the Secretary stated that the restoration of the external stonework of the old building would probably be completed during the next few months. In consequence of this and other expenses, they were obliged at the end of last year to sell out the sum of £4,000 consols. The Archbishop of York and the Bishop of London were elected vice-presidents, and Dr. Mitchell Bruce a consulting physician.

The twenty-third annual general meeting of the Hospital Saturday Fund Association was held on Saturday evening, at the Central Offices, Farringdon Road, Mr. R. B. D. Acland presiding.—The report of the Council, which was adopted, showed that there had been continued progress in both the workshops' and streets' collections during the past year. The receipts from all sources had amounted to £21,637 14s. 11d., while the expenditure had reached £3,529 16s. 3d. The sum awarded among the 178 participating hospitals, dispensaries, convalescent homes, &c., was £18,107 18s. 8d.

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