

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE PRINCE OF WALES recently opened the new medical school buildings at Guy's Hospital. The buildings have been erected at an outlay of £12,000, at the cost of the staff and medical school.

On Friday, May 28th, the Prince of Wales, accompanied by the Princess of Wales and the Princess Victoria of Wales, visited the City Road for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the new Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital, of which it will be remembered that we gave an engraving of the proposed building in the RECORD a short time since. The ceremony was performed in a marquee, at one end of which was a dais, and under the canopy, which was erected upon this, were placed the stone, and the seats for the Royal party. Their Royal Highnesses were received at the royal entrance by a guard of honour mounted by the Honourable Artillery Company, under the command of Captain Charles Hammond, and at the door by Sir John Lubbock, M.P., the President of the Hospital, and other officials. His Royal Highness, in replying to the President's address, drew attention to the fact that the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital was founded in 1804 by some gentlemen whose sympathies were aroused by the terrible sufferings of the Army and Navy belonging to the force in the Egyptian campaign under Sir Ralph Abercromby. His Royal Highness also pointed out the significant fact that while in this campaign in the early part of the century, out of a regiment of 700 men there were 676 cases of ophthalmia, and that of the men so attacked, 40 became blind in one eye, and 50 in both, yet in the campaign in 1882, though there were 1,800 severe cases of ophthalmia, after Tel-el-Kebir, not one man lost his sight.

After His Royal Highness had performed the ceremony, and declared the stone to be well and truly laid, the Bishop of London offered prayer. Purses were then presented to the Princess of Wales, and the proceedings terminated.

The Treasurer of Charing Cross Hospital has received a donation of £1,000 from the Dowager Lady Loder for the endowment in perpetuity of a bed, in memory of the late Sir Robert Loder, M.P., for many years a member of the Council, and a generous benefactor of the Hospital.

At the Festival Dinner recently held in aid of the Samaritan Free Hospital for Women and Children, the President, Lord Leigh, occupied the chair in the unavoidable absence of the Duke of Connaught. The Chairman commented upon the interesting fact that during the past year £400 had been contributed by patients as thank-offerings, for the relief they had received. Subscriptions were announced at the close of the dinner amounting to £1,748.

At a recent dinner at the Hotel Cecil, in aid of the funds of the London Homœopathic Hospital, Lord Emlyn, who presided, said that the chief object of the dinner was to obtain funds to pay off a debt of £5,000 in regard to the new hospital. He also stated that though the expenditure of this institution exceeded its income, a bed cost less than one in any similar charity in London. The many friends of this excellent charity will learn with unfeigned pleasure that, at the close of the dinner, donations amounting to £7,000 were announced.

Mr. John Temple of Aigburth has endowed a bed in the Liverpool Hahnemann Hospital and Homœopathic Dispensary.

The Committee of the Birmingham Hospital Saturday Fund are anxious to obtain the freehold of Marle Hall Convalescent Home for Women, which is at present rented, while the Men's Convalescent Home at Tyn-y-Coed, near Llandudno, is free. They ask for £20,000 to enable them to obtain this desirable property. The sum seems a large one to be given by artisans, but we have reason to believe that when an object commends itself to the Birmingham working-man his generosity knows no bounds. It is, therefore, quite possible that the freehold of Marle Hall may be acquired, as the working men's gift, as a memorial of the Diamond Jubilee of the Queen, and the silver wedding of the Hospital Saturday Fund.

The Trustees of the late Mr. James Holden have made a grant of £18,000 to the Governors of the Rochdale Infirmary, to endow the new wing of the buildings, containing 12 beds for men and 12 cots, as a memorial of the Queen's Record Reign.

Mr. W. H. Laverton has given a site, £100, and 15,000 bricks to the proposed Cottage Hospital at Westbury, besides promising an annual subscription of £20.

The new Small-pox Hospital at Bierley Hall, Bradford, has been completed at a cost of £1,700.

Alderman Herbert Strutt has given a site for a hospital for infectious diseases for the Belper Union, to be erected between Belper and Heage. It is estimated that the cost of erection will be £6,480 15s.

A hospital for infectious diseases is to be built at Colington Mains for the Corporation of Edinburgh. The hospital will accommodate 600 patients, and it is estimated that the cost will be at the rate of £400 a bed.

The *Melbourne Argus* has opened a fund for providing a fever hospital, which, as we have before stated, is most urgently needed, as a memorial of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. From the response with which the appeal has been met it is hoped that the £20,000 required may be in the hands of the Mayor of Melbourne before June 21st.

The Government of Queensland proposes to grant £5,000 for the erection of a hospital for consumptives at Dalby, in celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

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