

The Hospital World.

THE annual meeting of the Governors of the New Hospital for Women, Euston Road, took place last week at the Hospital, Sir Joshua Fitch being in the chair. The Chairman in the course of his remarks alluded to the fact, that, among the many developments of the Queen's reign, none were more remarkable than the new opportunities which had arisen for the intellectual improvement of women, and for the employment of their gifts in the service of the public. The effects of this departure were, he said, important, by placing at the disposal of the community, talents, for which previously there was no scope, and in addition to this the happiness of the women themselves was greatly increased. The Chairman, as one of the trustees of the Pfeiffer Bequest, of which a generous amount has been apportioned to the New Hospital for Women, and is to be devoted to building a much needed Nurses' Home, spoke of the keen interest of Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer in every movement for the good of women, and said he was convinced that the money which had been placed by the trustees at the disposal of this Hospital would, by being utilized for building a home for the nurses, be used for a purpose with which the late Mr. and Mrs. Pfeiffer would have been in warm sympathy.

The adoption of the report which was in the hands of the Governors, was moved by Mr. Pollock and seconded by Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D. Mrs. Scharlieb, in pleading for more funds in order to increase the number of beds, said that the hospital had so far tried to pay its way and be honest. This attitude should appeal to the hard-headed business men and women of London. It was a sad fact, however, that owing to the limited number of beds, the staff were compelled frequently to keep patients waiting for operation, until the favourable time for operating had passed. The report was then adopted. Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., proposed the re-election of three retiring members of the Committee and the election of Mr. F. J. Dryhurst. This was seconded by Mrs. Starley Boyd, M.D., and carried.

The proposal that Mary, Lady Hobart, should be appointed a Vice-President of the Institution was then made by the Sultan Muhammed Khan, chief secretary to the Ameer of Afghanistan, who, in the course of his remarks expressed his surprise at the small number of women doctors in this country in proportion to the female population, and also the fact that women doctors are not more supported by *women*. In the east, he stated, the services of women doctors are so highly appreciated, that not only women but men consult them professionally, and his master, the Ameer, had been cured of a disease by his woman physician, which had been pronounced incurable by all his

male advisers. The resolution was seconded by Miss Ellaby, M.D., and carried unanimously.

After a vote of thanks to the medical and nursing staffs and secretary had been proposed by Mrs. Fawcett, and seconded by the Rev. Luke Paget, and carried with acclamation, the meeting dispersed to do full justice to the tea and coffee and other good things invitingly prepared for them, and presided over by the Matron, Miss Cartwright, and her assistants.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Queen has approved the appointment of Professor John Glaister, M.D., of St. Mungo's College, Glasgow, to the vacant chair of Forensic Medicine in the University of Glasgow.

The Concert, which was lately given at the Officers' Club at Aldershot, in aid of the funds of the North Camp Church of England Soldiers' Institute, under the patronage of the Queen, was organized by Her Royal Highness Princess Christian. Among those present were their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Christian, Prince Christian Victor, and the Duke and Duchess of Somerset. Briefly, it may be stated that the receipts considerably exceeded the existing debt of the Institute, and, on the suggestion of H.R.H. Princess Christian, it has been arranged that the surplus is to be devoted to the Winchester Diocesan Fund for providing nurses for soldiers' wives.

The following resolution was adopted at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee for the promotion of a Central Board for London:—"That the secretaries be asked to prepare, for the consideration of the general committee, and for discussion at a public meeting of persons interested, a memorandum regarding the hospitals of London, similar to that submitted in 1889 to the Select Committee of the House of Lords on the Medical Charities of the Metropolis, and bearing upon the question of hospital reform and the constitution of a Central Hospital Board."

Dr. J. H. Bryant has been appointed an assistant physician to Guy's Hospital.

Baroness de Hirsch has sent a donation of £150 to the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, Shoreditch.

It was announced at the annual meeting of the General Council of Governors of the Great Northern Central Hospital, last week, that the festival dinner was an extraordinary success, £3746 being received or promised. The Ladies' Association, in connection with the hospital, has collected and handed over, during the year, £4200 for the endowment of beds. The demand for increased accommodation is so urgent, that it has been determined to open at least one unoccupied ward of twenty-three beds.

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