

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Prince of Wales who is a vice-patron of University College Hospital, has consented to lay the foundation-stone on Tuesday, June 21st, of the new building now in course of construction through the generosity of Sir J. Blundell Maple, Bart., M.P.

The Duke and Duchess of York have paid a visit of two hours to the London Hospital, and expressed themselves as very much pleased with the improvements in the Hospital and Nursing Home, made of late years.

The Lord Mayor's Dinner, in aid of the London Hospital, was a great success. No direct appeal was made in the room. But the Lord Mayor announced that his special plea had brought in new annual subscriptions of £4,250, and donations to the amount of £39,000, the Queen herself sending a cheque of £100, and with it a graceful message of sympathy. In speaking of the sum required to carry on the work of the Hospital, the Hon. Sydney Holland pointed out that £70,000 a year was necessary, and that of late had not been forthcoming. In fact it had fallen so far short that during the past three years they had been obliged to sell out £40,000 of their invested stock. Mr. Sydney Holland announced that one anonymous donor had promised £25,000, and another £10,000. Special reference was also made to the coming Press Bazaar, in aid of the hospital, that is to be held at the Hotel Cecil, which is to be opened by the Princess of Wales on June the 28th, and at which the majority of the daily and weekly papers will have stalls.

His Royal Highness, the Duke of Cambridge, presided at the annual general court of the governors and subscribers of the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows, Kingston-on-Thames. The annual report referred to the severe loss sustained by the charity in the death of the late Duchess of Teck, the lady president, and the peculiar gratification experienced by the committee in announcing that Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York had graciously consented to accept the vacant office. The report also stated that the new system of nursing by trained gentlewomen had been working satisfactorily for the past two years. It was now proposed, with the view of enabling the nurses to care more efficiently for those inmates, who were unable to provide for themselves in their own rooms, to erect a permanent sick ward to be called the "Princess Mary's Ward," in memory of the late royal lady president, who took such deep interest in the improvement of the nursing arrangements.

Once again the Jacksonian Prize has fallen to a Barts' man. This year it has been awarded to Mr. Percy Furnivall for his essay on "The Pathology, Diagnosis, and Treatment of the various Neoplasms met with in the stomach, small intestine, cæcum, and colon." Thus Mr. Furnivall keeps up the splendid record secured in the previous years by Mr. Waring, Professor Kanthack, and Mr. Bailey.

At the examination for Inspectors of Nuisances held lately at the Sanitary Institute sixty-four candidates were certified as regards their sanitary knowledge. The following ten ladies being amongst them:—Miss Annie Malone, Miss Edith Louisa Maynard, Miss Christabel Mennell, Miss Catherine Alice Nevile, Miss Maud E. Piggott, Miss Kate A. Platt, Miss Ethel Stewart, Miss Emily C. Townshend, and Miss Theresa Frances Wilson, the Hon. Secretary of the International Council of Women.

Mr. Richard Berry, late chairman of the City of London Brewery Company, and Past Master of the Vintners' Company, who died on February 9th last, made the following charitable bequests: To the Earlswood Asylum for Idiots, London Fever Hospital, Guy's Hospital, St. Thomas' Hospital, London Hospital, Metropolitan Hospital, Poplar Hospital for Accidents, Charing Cross Hospital, Middlesex Hospital, Royal Free Hospital, King's College Hospital, and Great Northern Central Hospital, £1,000 each. To the Royal Blind Pension Society, Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, Licensed Victuallers' Schools, London Lock Hospital and Asylum, City of London Hospital, Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, and the General Lying-in Hospital, £500 each. To the Royal Maternity Charity, £250. To the London Orphan Asylum, Female Orphan Asylum, Infant Orphan Asylum, Orphan Working School, Foundling Hospital, St. Giles's Christian Mission, and the Master and Wardens of the Vintners' Company to purchase a piece of plate, £100 each.

The Goldsmiths' Company have made a grant of £600 to the building fund of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, Shoreditch, which is about to be completed after remaining unfinished since 1880.

An anonymous donation of £500 has just been received by the Church Army, through Messrs. Coutts, bankers, in aid of the society's work among the outcast and destitute.

At the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the Board of Management of the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary and Dispensary, Wigan, Mr. James Brown made the satisfactory statement that the total receipts from all sources exceeded the total expenditure. He also remarked that "the hire of nurses produced much less than formerly." We have many times expressed the opinion that the earnings of private nurses should not be a source of income to charitable institutions. Mr. Brown further said that "secretary, house-surgeon, matron, assistant-matron, and nurses were each entitled to a word of praise for the painstaking efforts made to make all their departments a credit to themselves and satisfactory to the donors, subscribers and patients." The fact that the work of the nursing department is so satisfactory, is a testimony to the efficient organization of the hard working Matron, Miss K. V. Macintyre.

The Red Cross Society is busy in Prussia. Cases of typhus have been recorded in seven villages of the Government of Voronesk, as well as in the town of Sviatoi Krest, in the Government of Stavropol, and the necessary precautionary measures have been taken.

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