

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Prince of Wales, Grand Prior of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England, presented at Marlborough House on Saturday last the service medals awarded by the Chapter to Colonel Sir Herbert C. Perrott, Bart., secretary of the Order and chief secretary of the Ambulance Department; William J. C. Brasier, brigade chief superintendent; Samuel Osborn, F.R.C.S., chief surgeon of the Metropolitan Corps; John H. Buckley, late chief superintendent of the Leicester Corps; Frank H. Turner, superintendent secretary of the Leicester Corps; Edward R. Goodwin, superintendent of the Norwood Division Metropolitan Corps; François D. Mackenzie, assistant commissioner for the No. 1 District of the Brigade; Lieutenant-Colonel Charles J. Trimble, L.R.C.P., deputy commissioner for the No. 4 District of the Brigade; Charles H. Tamplin, honorary surgeon Ramsgate Division. Sir John Furley, member of the Council, formerly director of the Ambulance Department and honorary director of stores, St. John Ambulance Association, life member, *honoris causa*, of its Central Executive Committee, would likewise have received the medal but was prevented from attending at Marlborough House owing to his having left for South Africa as a Special Commissioner of the Central British Red Cross Committee.

Dr. Job Collins, late Chairman of the London County Council, has been selected as the Liberal Candidate for the vacant seat for London University. The *Daily Mail* is of opinion that the London voters whose Liberalism survives after a repression of fourteen years, ought to rally round Dr. Collins to the last man.

In addition to Sir William MacCormac, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, Mr. Makins and Mr. Frederic Treves, who are already at the front in South Africa, the following medical men have been appointed as consulting surgeons at the seat of war: Sir William Stokes, of Dublin, Dr. Watson Cheyne, Mr. G. Cheatle, of King's College Hospital, and Mr. Kendall Franks. Mr. Franks is already in South Africa, and the other medical men are now on their way there. Sir William Thomson, ex-president of the College of Surgeons in Ireland, has been appointed chief surgeon to the hospital equipped by Lord Iveagh, to be known as the Irish Hospital, and will leave London on January 20th. Mr. Robert O'Callaghan, surgeon to the French Hospital in London, will be senior surgeon to the Langman Hospital. Dr. Conan Doyle has also volunteered his services for this hospital, which have been accepted. Mr. Ludford Cooper and Mr. Wilberforce Vaughan Eaves, both recently resident surgeons at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, have also been appointed to the medical staff at the seat of war, and are now on the way there. Surgeon-Captain R. R. Sleman and Surgeon-Captain E. W. St. V. Ryan are the medical officers of the City of London Volunteers. Two of the leading surgeons in New South Wales, Dr. McCormack and Dr. Scott Skirving, have been appointed Consulting Surgeons to the troops from this colony for South Africa. They will have the hon. rank of major.

Mr. Henry Vaughan, who has left valuable gifts to the National Gallery, the South Kensington Museum, and other public institutions, has bequeathed the whole of his fortune, amounting to over £230,000, to philanthropic societies.

The committee of the Sir William Maxwell Memorial Fund have forwarded to Mr. Chamberlain the sum of £204 12s. 9d., with a request that it may be handed to the secretary of the Seaman's Hospital at Greenwich, for the purpose of endowing a bed in the Tropical Diseases Ward in that hospital, to be called the Sir William Maxwell cot. The committee are also sending out to the Gold Coast a memorial brass, which it is proposed to place in the church of Accra. The subscribers to the fund consisted of officers who served under the late Sir William Maxwell on the West Coast of Africa, the members of the African section of the Liverpool Chamber of Commerce, a few of his personal friends, and many native chiefs on the Gold Coast and Ashantee, who specially asked to be allowed to subscribe as a mark of their admiration and respect for their late Governor.

The will of Mr. Mannasseh Gledhill, which left a large sum to charitable institutions, and which was disputed, has been upheld. He bequeathed £12,500 to Lancashire hospitals and homes, and, subject to certain legacies, his estate is left for the benefit of such charitable institutions as the trustees may think proper. It seems likely that about £150,000 altogether will go to Lancashire institutions.

The Treasurer of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption, Ventnor, Isle of Wight, has received £1,000 for the endowment of one bed from G. R., in memoriam.

A new administrative block has been formally opened by Lord Provost Fleming at the Aberdeen City (Epidemic) Hospital. The building which cost about £5,000, contains a nurses dining room and sitting room, as well as bed room accommodation for nurses, ward maids and servants. It also provides reception and departure rooms for the patients.

The chief surgeon to the American forces in the Philippines, has cabled to the Surgeon-General that three cases of bubonic plague have occurred among the natives.

The funeral of the late Sir James Paget took place at Finchley Cemetery last week, the first portion of the service being read in Westminster Abbey, when every mark of respect was shown to the memory of this great surgeon. The Queen was represented by Captain N. G. Philips, one of the Grooms of the Privy Chamber, who also attended at the grave, and placed a wreath upon the coffin, and Dr. Thomas Barlow, a Court Physician. Captain G. L. Holford attended on behalf of the Prince and Princess of Wales. The Royal College of Surgeons was represented by Mr. John Tweedy, Mr. Edward Trimmer, secretary, Mr. S. Cowell, assistant secretary, and Professor Charles Stewart, director of the museum. The pall-bearers were Lord Lister, Sir Henry Roscoe, Sir Michael Foster, Sir Thomas Smith, Sir William Broadbent, Sir Trevor Lawrence, Mr. H. G. Howse, Dr. Pye Smith, Professor William Ince, and Mr. Thomas Bryant.

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