

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE QUEEN has sent to the Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, through Sir Fleetwood Edwards, Keeper of the Privy Purse, a cheque for £1,000. Lord Cadogan is asked to dispose of it as he may think best for the benefit of the poor of Dublin, "in whose welfare her Majesty ever takes a deep interest."

The Lord-Lieutenant has decided to distribute the Queen's gift among the hospitals of Dublin.

Her Majesty has again sent her contribution of 100 guineas to the Seamen's Hospital Society. This sum her Majesty has paid annually since her accession to the throne and has therefore now, contributed to this society 6,300 guineas.

Mrs. Isabella Lewis, eldest daughter of the late Dr. Martineau, has left farms and houses at East Farleigh in trust for the University College Hospital, and other real estate in trust for the London Fever Hospital; also a sum of £10,000 in trust for the London Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, subject to the payment of the income of the said £10,000 to her relatives. The ultimate residue of her property is left in trust for the London Hospital and St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington.

At the fifty-fifth annual dinner of the supporters of the German Hospital, Dalston, recently held at the Hotel Metropole, it was stated that ten beds had been placed at the disposal of the Military authorities for the use of soldiers invalided from South Africa. It was further stated that though the hospital was originally founded to succour poor Germans it was found impossible to limit its benefits, and that at the present time the out-patients were nearly all English. The secretary subsequently announced a list of subscriptions amounting to £3,067, including £200 from the German Emperor, £50 from the Emperor of Austria, £100 from Baron von Schröder, and £100 from Messrs. Wernher, Beit, and Co.

The Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, N.E., has received a donation of £300 from the Goldsmiths' Company.

The Italian Hospital in Queen's Square has decided not to give its annual ball owing to the situation in South Africa. As the ball is usually a considerable source of income, it behoves the public to see that the hospital does not suffer for its display of sympathy.

Mrs. Marian Leigh, widow of the Rev. Francis Leigh, and daughter of Mrs. Prescott of Halifax, who has recently died, has bequeathed £2,000 to the London Homœopathic Hospital for the maintenance of a "Prescott Bed" and a "Leigh Bed," and £500 to the British Home for Incurables.

The late Mr. Alexander Campbell White, of Cheltenham, has bequeathed £1,000 to the Cheltenham General Hospital.

Mr. Alfred Allport, M.B., B.S., London, has been appointed by the General Committee of the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, assistant ophthalmic surgeon to that institution.

At the Annual Meeting of the Ladies Council of the Pendlebury Children's Hospital, Mr. Moorhouse, Chairman of the Board of Governors, proposed that Mrs. Moorhouse be President, and the Lady Mayoress of Manchester, and the Mayoress of Salford, Vice-Presidents for the coming year. The resolution was adopted.

Mr. A. L. Jones, who has been such a generous supporter of the School of Tropical Medicine, has set on foot a scheme for assisting natives of our tropical colonies to come to Liverpool to study medicine and obtain a qualification to practise. The African Steamship Company is giving substantial help in the matter by signifying its willingness to convey to and from this country any natives of Africa who desire to avail themselves of this arrangement at a greatly reduced cost, and it is calculated that it will be possible for them to fulfil the five years curriculum, and obtain their qualification to practise, at a cost of about £600, including the passage money and the expense of living. Messrs. Elder Dempster and Co. have addressed a circular to the respective Governors of the West African Colonies, asking them to bring the scheme to the notice of schoolmasters and others in touch with secondary education, and asking for information as to how far the education of the colony is organized to admit of natives being prepared for one of the preliminary examinations recognised by the General Medical Council. It is proposed that West Indian natives shall be included in the scheme, which appears to us most excellent if a wise discretion is used, as will no doubt be the case, in the natives selected for training.

The Famine in India is appalling, and donations not only in money but in kind, such as cheap blankets, cheap cloth, etc., would be of great service, also all kinds of baby foods and biscuits. The Chief Secretary to the Government of India for Revenue and Agriculture is Mr. Holderness, who controls the famine organization. He states that consignments should be made to the care of the Executive Committee at Calcutta or Bombay. We English are an unimaginative people, and find it difficult to realise the full horror of a calamity which is not directly under our own observation; otherwise, in spite of the heavy drain on the resources of the charitable caused by the war, the Mansion House Fund for the Indian Famine would not lack support. In many places the natives are living on roots, and an Irish Missionary writes "I am sick of seeing children's funerals."

Cholera is raging in a fearful manner in the great camp at Godhra, where some thousands of famine-stricken natives are receiving relief from the Government. The authorities are doing their best, but their task is an awful one. In one day 150 corpses were removed from the camp, but 100 more had to be left because it was impossible to procure bearers.

A case of plague has been discovered at Woolloomgatta, a suburb of Brisbane. The victim was a wharf labourer.

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