

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Queen's birthday honours include 81 silver medals of the new Kaisar-i-Hind Order. Forty-four natives receive medals, which are given chiefly for services in connection with the plague and famine. The European recipients are as follows:—

Miss Charlotte Adams, lady doctor; Captain Thomas Baker, municipal secretary of Bangalore; Captain Francis Beville, Captain Robert Morris, Captain Arthur Shewell, Lieut. Lionel Haworth, Lieut. Hyla Holden, Lieut. John Pinney, and Lieut. Hugh Stewart, Indian Staff Corps; Colonel Nariman, Major Henry Stevenson, Major David Scotland, and Captain John Grant, Medical Service.

Messrs. Nicholas Bell, Henry Lawrence, Leycester Jones, James Orr, and Arthur Simcox, Indian Civil Service.

The Rev. Andrew Campbell, Mr. G. Macalister, and Miss Hewlett, London Missionary Society.

Mrs. Henry Smith, Miss Susan Campbell, lady doctors.

Messrs. Andrew Higgins, C. Judd, Adolphe Orr, and James Robinson, Engineers.

Messrs. J. Joseph and R. Thompson, Forest officers.

Messrs. Peter Greany, Liston Garthwaite, and Alexander Dunlop, Sergeants G. Desmond, Messrs. George Lund, Julius Lohr, Oswald Muller, John Murdoch, and Miss Theobald, of the Baptist Missionary Society.

Her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg has consented to lay the foundation-stone of the new Belgrave Hospital for Children, in Clapham Road, on Wednesday, June 27th, at four o'clock.

The festival dinner of the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, was held last week at the Hotel Cecil, Mr. Hugh Colin Smith presiding. The chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, said that he had just paid a visit to the hospital, and was astonished to find how cheerful and bright it was in the midst of its squalid surroundings. It was situated in a district in which it was sorely needed. It had a large number of subscribers who took a close interest in its welfare, but it was incumbent upon its supporters to obtain a larger number of annual subscribers. The district was overcrowded, and the convalescent home at Bognor caused a drain upon its funds of £300 a year. A sum of £8,000 was absolutely necessary for the efficient maintenance of the institution. He could not tell how it was to be raised, but it was essential that the wards for casualty cases should be enlarged and improved, and that other alterations should be effected. Mr. H. W. Trinder, who replied on behalf of the board of management, said that the hospital had been very careful not to run into debt. Notwithstanding the generosity which had been shown them by the City Companies and in other quarters, great efforts would be necessary if they were to raise the required funds. He was glad to say that the number of starving children whom they had treated during the past year showed a diminution, no doubt owing to the comparative prosperity of the working class during 1899, but in many respects the hospital had outgrown itself.

The report presented to the Governors of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, Shore-ditch, at the annual meeting, showed a deficit of £27 18s. 4d. on the past year.

During the past year 748 children were admitted, and 16,665 outpatients were treated. It was reported that great difficulty was constantly experienced through want of room, and it was proposed to proceed with the first part of the building scheme, costing about £25,000, as soon as possible.

The Salters' Company will confer the honorary freedom of their Guild upon Sir William MacCormac on Monday, June 18th, and the distinguished surgeon will afterwards be the principal guest at a dinner in the Guild's hall.

The results of the examination held by the Sanitary Inspectors Examination Board during the first week of May have just been announced. Candidates for the diploma of Sanitary Inspector required under the Public Health (London) Act of 1891 were examined orally and by written work and were further required to examine and report on selected insanitary areas. Seven of the successful candidates had previously passed the preliminary examination conducted by the Examinations Board of the National Union of Teachers. The appended list gives the names of candidates who have passed the full examination and the institution at which each received instruction. It will be noted that half of the persons who have qualified are women.

King's College: Mr. J. Johnson, Mr. J. Jones, Mr. A. W. Loughlin. Sanitary Institute and King's College: Miss E. S. Cann, Mr. J. I. Lonnon. Sanitary Institute: Mr. W. Brown, Miss E. A. McCleverty, Miss B. T. Orme. National Health Society: Miss M. K. Ede, Miss E. G. Gamble, Miss M. K. Long. Bedford College for Women: Miss M. O. Power.

On the motion of Sir William Walrond a select committee has been appointed by the House of Commons to consider the operation of the law by which hospital and other institutions for the care and treatment of the sick, or those afflicted in mind or body, are liable to local rates, and to report on the subject.

The task of transforming Forest House for its new uses as the Nottingham Children's Hospital is now well in hand, thanks to the recent donation by Mr. T. I. Burkin of £3,000, but for which the committee would not have been able to proceed with the work.

This donation was in addition to his previous munificent gift of the Forest House and spacious grounds. The war, by diverting subscriptions, checked the movement which the committee set on foot to obtain funds to effect the necessary alterations of and removal to Forest House.

Many and characteristic are the *voces populi* already recorded in connexion with the celebration of "Mafeking Day," says the *Westminster Gazette*. One that has not been in print is attributed to a humorous policeman entreated in the thick of the crowd by a harassed pedestrian to tell him the nearest way to Charing Cross Hospital. "Call for 'Three cheers for Kruger,'" responded the genial guardian of the peace, "and you'll be there in no time."

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