

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Hospital Sunday Fund has awarded the sum of £46,492 to 140 hospitals and 54 dispensaries. The highest award is that to the London Hospital of £4,600, followed by £2,012 10s. to Middlesex Hospital. All the remaining awards are under £2,000.

The Earl of Hardwicke, in presiding at the annual meeting of the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, congratulated the committee on the acquisition of a new site, and on having in hand no less than £12,500 towards the £25,000 needed for the completion of a new hospital containing from 50 to 60 beds. Bishop Barry, who seconded the adoption of the report, dwelt on the value and need of the work the hospital was doing, and its place as a special institution in the scheme of hospital work and of Christian philanthropy in general.

The Mercers' Company have made a grant of 50 guineas to Queen Charlotte's Lying-In Hospital, Marylebone, N.W.

The vast population in the West Ham Union, with the consequent responsibilities on the Board of Guardians, has compelled them to enter upon the work of erecting a new infirmary at Forest House, Leytonstone, the foundation stone of which has been laid by Mr. John Lasham, one of the members of the Board.

The erection of a new building in connection with the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslar, for the reception and treatment of sick officers from the fleet and the marine divisions at Portsmouth, is now under the consideration of the Admiralty. The sick officers' quarters recently erected at the Royal Hospital, Plymouth, have proved a great success, and as more accommodation is required at Haslar, the proposal for a similar arrangement should favourably commend itself to the Lords of the Admiralty.

The annual report of the Commissioners in Lunacy in relation to the North Wales Asylum at Denbigh, makes unfavourable mention of the drainage and states that the dormitories are overcrowded, and that the high death rate is probably due to this cause, in conjunction with insufficient ventilation. They also object to a male patient being employed at night to assist the night attendant. It certainly appears that if a patient is fit to be employed in this capacity he need no longer be detained in the asylum. Other matters calling for reform are also mentioned, and it appears that the inquiry which the Carnarvon County Council have asked for is very desirable.

Yellow fever has broken out in Senegal; 15 per cent. of the white population has died of the disease and 1 per cent is dying daily; 86 per cent. of the cases terminate fatally, and it is said that doctors, Sisters of Mercy, and infirmary attendants are carried off like flies.

British Medical Association.

SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING.

Ipswich, July 31st to August 3rd, 1900.

IT will be of interest to many of our readers if we draw their attention to some of the more important and newest *Foods, Drugs, Instruments and Sanitary Appliances* which were shown last week, at Ipswich, in connection with the sixty-eighth annual meeting of the British Medical Association. We commence with

GILBERT KIMPTON & CO., 19, St. Dunstan's Hill, London, S.E.—Amongst the various preparations exhibited by this firm, we would specially bring under the notice of trained nurses and others their *Milkine*. This food is composed of Milk, Malt and Meat, and has the distinct advantage of being readily taken by invalids and children with the most delicate digestion, while in tablet form it is a great boon to the general public.

Their *Gambier's Anti-Asthmatic Powder* and Cigarettes are used in cases of asthma, hay fever, colds, etc. The powder is burnt in small quantities near the patient, and the fumes are not disagreeable to persons in the same room.

THE SANITARY WOOD WOOL CO., Ltd., 26, Thavies Inn, Holborn Circus, London, E.C.; Sole Manufacturers of Hartmann's Patent Wood Wool Preparations. Mr. Albert Essenger, Managing Director.—The goods shown on this very attractive stall are very well known to the nursing profession, as *Hartmann's Patent Wood Wool Wadding and Tissue*; *Sanitary Wood Wool Sheets*, for accouchment, etc.; *Hartmann's Hygienic Wood Wool Towelettes*; *Hartmann's Sanitary Wood Wool Napkins* for infants; and *Hartmann's Guinea Complete Sanitary Outfit* for accouchment, containing 3 different sizes of *Hartmann's Absorbent Wood Wool Sheets*, 4 dozen *Hartmann's Hygienic Towelettes*, Binders, Safety Pins, Antiseptic Ointment, Thread, Umbilical Pad, Fuller's Earth, Oiled Silk, Mackintosh Sheeting, Best Absorbent Cotton Wool, etc. These goods are used in the leading Hospitals and kindred institutions.

CADBURY BROS., Ltd., Bournville, near Birmingham.—This stall, as usual, was a centre of attraction, as dainty cups of cocoa were to be obtained. Cadbury's cocoa and chocolate are absolutely pure. No chemicals whatever are used, and they are entirely free from all admixtures, such as Kola, Malt, Hops, etc.

THE BRITISH SOMATOSE CO., Ltd., 165, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C., exhibited their *Somatose* in three forms, viz.:—

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