

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR



By the King's consent, "King Edward VII. Ward" will be the name of a children's ward which Sir T. Lewis offers to build at Merthyr Tydvil Hospital, provided the town erects a new men's ward.

An entertainment on behalf of the Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip Disease, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, was given at the Hospital on

Thursday, May 15th, when Mr. Alfred Capper gave a most interesting exhibition of thought transmission.

A Bazaar and Concerts in aid of the Belgrave Hospital for Children was opened on Wednesday at the Leathersellers' Hall, Bishopsgate. The Bazaar was open both on Wednesday and Thursday until 6 p.m., at 7 a table d'hote dinner was served, and afterwards all the diners attended the concert at which Maria Tiziano, the new Italian soprano, made her first appearance in this country.

During the present month, through the kindness of the proprietors of *Punch*, and the generosity of the Woodbury Gallery, an exhibition of black-and-white drawings will be held at the Woodbury Gallery, 37, New Bond Street, W., the proceeds from the charges of admission being devoted to the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C.

Mr. J. T. Helby, Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, recently criticised adversely the expenditure of the Board in connection with the preparation of small-pox hospitals, and enquired if an increase of 1 per cent. in the average daily number of inmates justified an increase of 38 per cent. in the expenditure. Sir Edwin Galsworthy said he was sure that every sixpence expended by the Board over the small-pox outbreak had been spent in the interests of London.

A special appeal has been issued by University College Hospital as the last year closed with a debt amounting to £9,166. The income that can be depended upon from all sources is only £8,000, whereas the necessary expenditure is now over £25,000 per annum, and it is estimated that when the whole hospital is completed the total annual expenditure will be over £39,000 per annum.

It is proposed to build the animals' hospital which Our Dumb Friends League are to erect as a Coronation memorial, and which is the first of its kind in this country, on a site close to Westminster Abbey. It is expected that the cost will be about £5,000.

At the Workhouse, Blaby, Leicestershire, nine-tenths of the work is done by paid labour. The Local Government Board has drawn the attention of the Guardians to the fact that the cost of in-maintenance of their union is 50 per cent. higher than the average,

and that an excessive quantity of spirits is consumed in the house.

Sir Charles Seely, the ever-generous President of the General Hospital, Nottingham, has presented an X-ray apparatus to the institution. Sir Charles Seely and Mr. T. L. K. Edge have each given donations of £1,000 for the endowment of beds in the same hospital.

On condition that no anti-vaccinationist occupies it, £1,000 has been presented by an anonymous donor as a perpetual endowment of a bed in a Cheltenham hospital. We think it is a debatable question whether it is wise to accept the donation coupled with this condition. The one passport to hospital treatment should surely be bodily illness, not the opinions of the patient, whether mistaken or otherwise.

A Government Enquiry is proceeding into the alleged ill-treatment of Leigh Workhouse children in a Roman Catholic Home at Tottington.

At a recent meeting of the South Wales and Monmouthshire branch of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption, held at Cardiff, Dr. Fiddian moved that immediate steps be taken to promote the erection of a Welsh Sanatorium for Glamorganshire and Monmouthshire for the treatment of early cases of pulmonary tuberculosis. The motion was carried, and the matter was referred to the Education and Finance Committees jointly to take action.

When Dr. Moses Thomas demitted office at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, recently, he was presented by the nurses with a handsome portable desk bound with silver. Dr. Thom, the new medical superintendent, was introduced to the chiefs and sub-chiefs before formally entering on his duties.

Mr. J. K. Caird, the well-known Dundee manufacturer, has made an offer to the directors of the Dundee Infirmary to erect a cancer hospital at a cost of over £18,000, containing six wards capable of accommodating 16 to 20 beds, and a ward for private patients. He also offered to guarantee £1,000 a year for five years, for a laboratory for original work in investigating the disease. The gift was gratefully accepted.

At a banquet recently given by the National Medical University at Chicago to the faculty, and the graduates for the quarter, the announcement was made that it was proposed to build a new hospital at an estimated cost of one million dollars (£200,000). Dr. Julia Holmes Smith, Dean of the Institution, presided. The new hospital is to be incorporated as the National Hospital and Sanatorium. A site overlooking Lincoln Park, valued at 2,000,000 dollars has been selected.

Ping-pong has brought a new ailment in its train. Medical men term it "ping-pong tenosynovitis." It may be brought on by playing much in stiff boots.

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