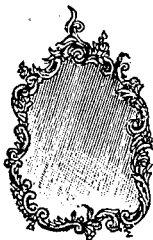


Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR



Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have kindly given their patronage to the grand open-air fête and variety entertainment that is held in aid of the fund of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, on Wednesday, July 2, in the grounds of the Royal Hospital, Chelsea Embankment, by kind permission of the Governor-General, Sir Henry Norman.

A grand garden fete, concert, variety entertainment, and pastoral play will be held in the gardens of the Royal Botanic Society on Tuesday afternoon, July 1st, in aid of the special appeal for St. George's Hospital. The entertainment will be under the immediate patronage of her Majesty the Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Princess Henry of Battenberg has consented to become a patron of the Royal Hospital for Children and Women, Waterloo Bridge Road, S.E., now rebuilding in memory of Queen Victoria, and has named one of the new wards "The Princess Beatrice."

The annual meeting of the Friedenheim Hospital (A Home of Peace) was held last week at the Blind School in Upper Avenue Road, South Hampstead. Mr. J. Herbert Tritton presided, and a very satisfactory report of the past year's work was presented. The object of the institution is to provide the best nursing and medical treatment for persons in the last stages of illness whose insufficient means and friendless condition prevent their being otherwise properly cared for to the end. The new Nurses' Home in connection with the hospital is to be opened on June 7th.

Considerable interest has been felt in Shropshire in the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales to Rhyl to open the new buildings of the Royal Alexandra Children's Hospital and Convalescent Home. In the hospital there is a cot provided by Shropshire subscriptions, which was presented to the Princess of Wales on her marriage in 1893, and called "The Princess May Cot." Since the year 1897 no less than 501 little sufferers have been beneficially treated in this cot. Recently a brass name-plate, subscribed for by twelve ladies of Shropshire, was provided for the cot, with the following inscription:—"Princess May Cot. Presented by the county of Salop to H.S.H. Princess Mary Victoria of Teck on her marriage to H.R.H. the Duke of York, 1893." The plate has a border of white May blossoms, the corners filled in with the rose, shamrock, thistle, and leek, all done in colour. The capital letters of the inscription are in Royal red, and the other letters in Royal blue. It is not generally known that applications to occupy the "Princess May Cot" have to be made to the Princess of Wales, who takes a very great interest in it, frequently inquiring as to the progress of her nominees.

Many of our readers will be interested to know that the opening of the Sherwood Forest Sanatorium for

the Treatment of Consumption has been fixed for Saturday, May 31st. The second annual report of the Nottingham and Notts. Association for the prevention of the disease named, which has just been issued, contains an illustration and full description of the building, and also an explanation of the regulations that have been framed for its management, so that people who are interested in the subject may easily obtain all the information about it they can desire. It may be stated briefly the institution is intended for persons of limited means, and that the funds necessary for its maintenance must, therefore, mainly come from either subscriptions or endowments. It is calculated that the expense of each patient will be about thirty shillings per week, or £75 per annum, and thus, if the institution starts with fourteen patients, it will need an income of one thousand pounds per annum. No patient will be received for a shorter term than three months, and none who are not certified by medical men to be likely to derive benefit from the treatment. And, as the disease commonly known as consumption is one of the most terrible scourges to which the human race is subjected, it is much to be hoped that the new efforts that are now being made to grapple with it in an effective way will meet with universal sympathy and support.

The expression "British to the Backbone," so often used in connection with Bovril, has additional force now that the company have been appointed Purveyors of Bovril to His Majesty the King. The recognition of the high value of this British Production will be appreciated in the Colonies from which its supplies are largely obtained, as well as by the British Shareholders who own the Company.

One of the features of Whit Week in Wales has been the annual pilgrimage to the famous St. Winefride's Well, at Holywell, which has acquired a great reputation for healing. From Liverpool, Shrewsbury, and other towns the pilgrims have been flocking to the well. During Whit Week special services are held and in the evening the pilgrims march in procession through the streets to the well, bearing beautifully worked silk and tapestry banners, with representations of the saint. The pilgrims are expected to kiss the relic of St. Winefride, a minute fragment of bone, reputed to have been recovered from the saint's grave at Gwytherin, Denbighshire.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, Johnston Lodge, Laurence-kirk, have sent to Mr. D. M. M. Milligan, advocate, hon. treasurer of Aberdeen Royal Sick Children's Hospital, a sum of £600 for the endowment of a cot in memory of their son David, to be known as the "Pearson Cot."

It has been suggested that instead of the original proposal to raise £1,000 to endow two hospital beds as a tribute from the English visitors to the Passion Play that a greater boon would be conferred by securing a salary to provide a second nursing sister. Her chief duty would be to go out and nurse the sick in their own homes. This proposal was received by the Burgermeister and his full council with cordial and grateful satisfaction. The sum already received amounts to £180 14s. 6d.

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