

exterior ledges. Quite so. Have you, good reader, ever reflected that with more money at command the windows could be cleaned once a week instead of once a month; that bright flowers might bend to the breeze and greet the glance of the passer-by; that fresh paint might more frequently have its undoubtedly good effect; that the anxieties of the committee of management with regard to the payment of the food supply bills might be removed and that a still greater number of the poor, the sick, the outcast, and the unfortunate might be relieved and made fit for their daily round? Why do you not assist the hospital "star" and his helpers more than you do?

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Such, then, are the methods and the workers which are keeping charities afloat. So soon as the day dawns when there are no hospital "stars" left, so soon will the maintenance of these large and costly palaces of pain fall upon the State.

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### Guy's Hospital.

The Annual Report of Guy's Hospital for the past year, just issued, shows that, during 1902, 8,091 persons were treated in the wards, as compared with 7,772 in the previous year, but, taking the comparison of a decade, the striking result is obtained that this hospital accommodated last year 2,537 more in-patients than was the case in 1892. The foundation of a brand-new hospital in South London could scarcely in the time have produced anything commensurate. It may also be pointed out that the limit of development has not been reached, for at the time of writing the Report one of the large medical wards, closed for so many years, was restored to use.

The section devoted to nursing contains at length the appreciative remarks of the Prince of Wales in relation to the value of skilled nursing on the occasion of his visit to the hospital when, accompanied by the Princess, he opened the Henriette Raphael Nurses' Home. Speaking of the work of nurses in South Africa, His Royal Highness said: "I am sure the thanks of the nation are indeed due to the general hospitals who sent their best nurses to cope with the serious difficulties with which the military medical authorities were at one time confronted."

Guy's Hospital is one of the only two great hospitals south of the Thames, and as such serves a large and poor population. It appeals to the public for help in its great work in three chief ways—(1) by donations to the Renovation and Building Funds; (2) to the Re-endowment Fund; and (3) by subscriptions or donations to the Sustentation Fund.

### Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The present year's Metropolitan collection in places of worship promises to be a record. The King and Queen have stated their intention of attending the afternoon service at St. Paul's Cathedral on June 7th, on the understanding that the Hospital Sunday collection is taken on that day at the Cathedral, as they are unable to attend on June 14th, the day fixed for Hospital Sunday. An "anonymous friend" has promised to give one-fourth of the collection in places of worship up to £25,000.

The King has been pleased to sanction the following appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:—Chaplain: The Right Rev. George Albert Ormsby, D.D., Bishop of Honduras Knights of Grace: Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, D.L., M.D., Lieutenant-Colonel Edmond Munkhouse Wilson, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., R.A.M.C., John Gardiner Hamilton, Esq., M.V.O., Surgeon-General Alfred Keogh, C.B., Lieutenant-Colonel William Babbie, C.M.G., V.C., R.A.M.C.

The military authorities at Woolwich have received intimation that his Majesty has been pleased to approve that the Herbert Hospital at Woolwich shall in future be styled "The Royal Herbert Hospital."

The Duke of Cambridge was present at a dinner given by the Lord Mayor at the Mansion House last week to further the interests of the London Hospital. It was announced that £127,000 had been received in response to the recent appeal.

The Hon. Stephen Coleridge, hon. secretary of the National Anti-Vivisection Society, has received a cheque for £2,000 from a member of the Society to forward the work of putting down vivisection.

A special conference of the Inner Council of the International Bureau for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, appointed at the Berlin Anti-Tuberculosis Congress last year, was opened in Paris last week under the presidency of Dr. Brouardel.

At Nice last week in beautiful weather the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha laid the corner-stone of the new Victoria Memorial Hospital. The site is on the Villefranche road overlooking the sea, and with extensive views both to the east and west.

It is announced from Berlin that the two gold Hofmann medals, established in 1888 in connection with the seventieth birthday of August Wilhelm von Hofmann, the chemist, have been conferred on Professor Henri Moissan, the French chemist, and Sir William Ramsay.

Two American doctors, says a *Morning Post* correspondent, claim to have proved that cancer is not the result of action by parasites, but that it is due to the chemical composition of the blood. Their aims are now being directed towards discovering means of preventing chemical changes in the blood as the only way of stamping out cancer.

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