

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



ST. BART'S.—At a general court of Governors, Mr. Anthony A. Bowlby was elected a surgeon to the hospital in the place of Professor Howard Marsh, resigned; and Dr. Samuel West was elected a physician in the place of Dr. Philip Hensley, resigned. The lamentable death of Mr. Walsham causes another vacancy on the upper surgical staff, which presumably means promotion for Mr. Lockwood. On the lower staff there will thus be vacancies for one assistant physician and two assistant surgeons. At the old students' dinner, held in the Great Hall, to open the session, Dr. Gee, in his witty speech, referred to the whirlwind that had lately assailed the hospital, "cleverly engineered by nobody out of nothing."

AT THE LONDON.—The Co-operative Wholesale Society have made a special grant of 500 guineas to the funds of the London Hospital.

AT "KING'S."—The hospital is to be removed from its present cramped site to South London. The new hospital will be built in what is known as the "pavilion" style. This ensures that every ward will obtain the maximum of pure air and sunshine. As a commencement it is proposed to erect accommodation for about 300 beds, or 100 more than are available at the present hospital, but it is hoped that shortly after removal funds will permit of additional blocks of wards being built, so that the final accommodation will be about 600 beds. In addition, it is proposed to build a ward for paying patients and also an up-to-date nursing home.

AT VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.—Countess Cadogan presided over an influential meeting at Chelsea House, at which it was decided that a grand bazaar should be held in the Albert Hall in June next in aid of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea. Lady Cadogan announced that Her Majesty the Queen and other members of the Royal Family had promised their patronage to the entertainment.

KING EDWARD'S HOSPITAL FUND.—Strong opposition to the proposal of a Shopping Day for the Fund has been made by representative trade associations, and a resolution expressing their reasons for the same has been forwarded to the King. It is stated that the Committee responsible for the scheme does not include a single person connected with the trades affected, and it has endeavoured to put the plan into operation without consulting any of the recognised trade associations.

AT DUBLIN.—Governors or managers of hospitals in Dublin desiring to participate in the gift of £50,000 made by Lord Iveagh to His Majesty the King for the benefit of Dublin hospitals are requested to send their claims by letter to Messrs. F. Sutton and Son, 52, Dame Street, Dublin, so that they may be considered by the trustees.

AT BIRMINGHAM.—In connection with the opening of a crematorium at Birmingham by Sir Henry Thompson, the Bishop of Worcester wrote that he should desire that when he died his body might be reduced to ashes as rapidly as possible, so that the dead should do no harm to the living. He saw no serious Christian argument against such a practice, while from a sanitary point of view it had enormous advantages.

AT CARDIFF.—It will be remembered that in the spring of 1901 an urgent appeal was issued over the signatures of Lady Windsor, Lady Aberdare, Mrs. Mackintosh of Mackintosh, and Miss Talbot, asking for help to open an unused ward in the Infirmary, to admit women suffering from internal complaints, so many of whom at the time were kept waiting for lack of accommodation.

With characteristic generosity the late Mr. Archibald Hood was one of the first to respond, giving 1,000 guineas to endow a bed in memory of his deceased wife. Then Miss Clara Thomas, of Llwyn Madoc, endowed a bed, and but a few weeks ago a further bed, to be called the Rhondda Valley Bed, was endowed by a similar gift of 1,000 guineas, collected in equal thirds by Mrs. Williams, of Miskin; Mr. Jenkins, of the Ocean Colliery; and Mr. Watts Morgan.

It is pleasant to report that a further bed has been endowed. It is to be called the Mrs. Walter Insole Bed, and the 1,000 guineas handed to the Infirmary Committee to invest for its endowment have been contributed as follows:—£500 by Mrs. Insole, of Ely Court, in memory of her deceased sister; £357 by Miss Talbot, of Margam; £100 by Miss Rous, of Courtyralla; £93 by various subscribers.

AT PARIS.—The International Sanitary Conference was opened on Saturday last at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, who, after welcoming the foreign delegates, referred to the conference held at Venice in 1892, the summoning of which, he said, had been due to the enlightened initiative of Italy. M. Barrère, French Ambassador to Italy, will preside over the proceedings of the Conference, which will extend over several weeks. The British delegates are Mr. De Bunsen, Mr. Thomson, of the Local Government Board, Mr. Frank Glenmore, and Mr. A. Alban, of Cairo. Dr. Ruffer represents Egypt.

AT LUCERNE.—The hotel-keepers have decided to build an isolation hospital and infirmary for such of their visitors as may be attacked by any disease of an infectious nature.

"THE WORLD."—"Never was there a time when people thought and talked so much about their internal economy as at this present. Our digestions, our diet, our 'cures,' are the ever-absorbing topic of conversation wherever two or three are gathered together, so fascinating has grown this improper study of mankind—and womankind." The latest craze is the one-meal-a-day treatment; we should not imagine that the physicians who advocate it will be overburdened with patients.

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