

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



**HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.**—The accounts of the Hospital Saturday Fund for 1903 have closed. During the last seven days of receipt £5,500 was sent in, making a total of £23,583 for the year, as against £22,944 for 1902, an increase of £725. In addition to this, £2,048 was received in part payment for surgical appliances supplied during the year, and £931 towards the cost of convalescent home benefits, making a grand total of £26,562 received during 1903. The delegates of the fund will meet on Saturday, the 23rd inst., to make the awards.

**THE ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL.**—In this the centenary year of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital (Moorfields Eye Hospital), City Road, an appeal is made on its behalf by Lord Avebury, the president, and Lord Hillingdon, the treasurer, to enable the Committee of Management to carry on unimpaired its enormous work for the poor under the better, and consequently more expensive, conditions resulting from the change from the old Moorfields site. The new hospital is thoroughly up to date in every respect, and has already been paid for out of the proceeds of the sale of the Moorfields site, but the Committee has to pay close on £1,000 a year in rates to the Borough of Finsbury in place of £55 a year formerly paid to the City Corporation, and, moreover, the liabilities to tradesmen alone amount to over £3,000. To meet these demands a portion of the only endowment of the hospital had to be hypothecated. The Committee appeals for increased annual subscriptions of £6,000 and £50,000 for the rent fund investment.

**REGISTERED PLUMBERS.**—A neatly-designed portable certificate is being issued by the Worshipful Company of Plumbers to members of the craft who have been registered as qualified plumbers. The cover bears the inscription: "National Registration of Plumbers" and the arms of the Company, while the certificate of qualification bears on its face the date of the year stamped in bold figures, the colour of which is varied each year to facilitate identification. Complaints, if any, of work done by registered plumbers on being made to the Company of Plumbers are suitably dealt with.

**HELP FOR CHELSEA HOSPITAL.**—The Chelsea Hospital for Women has received donations of £26 5s. from the Cordwainers Company and £40 from W. L. T. R.

**TO WARN TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS.**—We are requested by the Hon. Secretaries of King Edward's Hospital Fund to publish a warning to the benevolent public. They state that a man about 6 ft. in height, with a slight stoop, and weighing about 16 stone, is calling on telephone subscribers with a list which purports to be headed by the National Telephone Company with a subscription of £10 to some hospital or hospital fund.

He represents himself as coming from the National Telephone Company, but is without any such authority.

**HELP FOR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL.**—Dr. and Lady Agnes Frank have contributed £500 towards defraying part of the cost of furnishing the new wing of University College Hospital, Gower Street.

**AT THE SUNDERLAND INFIRMARY.**—The secretary has received a cheque for £1,000 from Mrs. Richardson, of The Cedars, Sunderland, to endow a bed in memory of her husband, Mr. Edwin Richardson, formerly a vice-president, and who left the infirmary £1,000 by will.

**EDINBURGH: NURSING HOME FOR WORKING WOMEN.**—Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson formally opened the hospice, a nursing home for women, which has been enlarged and transferred from George Square to 219, High Street, Edinburgh. Lady Cranston presided. Lady Helen remarked that when they remembered how recently the battle raged in Edinburgh over the inclusion or exclusion of women from the medical colleges they might take this expansion of the hospital as a striking testimony to the energy and enterprise with which the lady doctors had dealt with their opportunities, and also as an evidence that they occupied a very useful field of activity. The weekly charge would be from 6s. to 30s., and the hospital therefore served that important class of the community who were able to pay something for treatment but were unable to meet the charges of an institution which depended for its existence wholly upon such payment. On the motion of Mr. C. J. Guthrie, K.C., Lady Cranston and Lady Helen Munro-Ferguson were cordially thanked, and the company afterwards visited the hospital, which contains eleven beds, an out-patient department, and a maternity out-patient department.

**SANATORIA IN SWEDEN.**—King Oscar of Sweden has just celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday. On the King's jubilee celebration of the twenty-fifth year of his reign in 1897 the Swedish people subscribed £120,000 to erect tuberculosis sanatoria, and Stockholm gave £12,000 for indigent patients. The number of beds in the sanatoria at present are quite insufficient to meet the country's needs, as 700 persons are dying yearly in Stockholm alone of tuberculosis. The City Council has therefore voted in honour of the King's birthday a new gift of £12,000 to the sanatoria.

**PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS IN NEW YORK.**—The Committee on the Prevention of Tuberculosis of the Charity Organisation Society of New York City is preparing a directory of the various agencies existing and projected in the United States and Canada which care for persons suffering from any form of tuberculosis or which work in any way for the restriction and prevention of the disease. This directory will include hospitals, sanatoria, dispensaries, and camps especially designed for tuberculous patients or with especial provision for them, whether public or private, and also State commissions and private societies formed for the purpose of investigation or of diffusing information.

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