

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Her Majesty the Queen has consented to be the patroness of a reception and tea to be held at the Mansion House on Tuesday, May 16th, from four to six o'clock, in aid of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road.

The Princess of Wales has allowed one of the cots in the new children's wing of the Hunstanton Convalescent Home to be named after Prince Edward. A special appeal for the erection of this new wing was recently issued, and has met with a liberal response.

Sir Richard Douglas Powell, Bart., has by a Comitia of the Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians of London been elected President of the College in succession to Sir William Selby Church. The new President is a Knight Commander of the Victorian Order and Physician Extraordinary to the King.

The Duke of Westminster has given £250 towards the rebuilding of the City of London Lying-in Hospital, City Road.

Dr. William Osler, Regius Professor of Medicine at Oxford, has been elected an Honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

Mr. Luther Holden, of Pinetoft, Ipswich, formerly President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Consulting Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, who died on February 6th, aged 90, left £3,000 to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, to found and endow a "Luther Holden Scholarship" in surgery, and £500 for the rebuilding fund. He left his freehold house and grounds and the effects there and a sum of £10,000 in trust for his wife for life, and subject to her life interest as to one-half for the Samaritan Fund of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and as to the other half for the Benevolent Fund of the Foundling Hospital. Amongst lesser bequests is one of £100 to Miss K. Sleigh (Sister President), of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, a courteous appreciation of the assistance afforded to surgeons by the skilled Sisters who are responsible for the critical cases under their care.

The Governors of St. George's Hospital have decided to make a special appeal for a sum of £350,000 for the purpose of rebuilding the hospital. The number of in-patients admitted to the institution in 1904 was 4,530, and the number of out-patients was 36,631.

The Finance Committee of Guy's Hospital, which has undertaken to raise £100,000, has up to the present received £33,000 of this amount. At the last meeting a letter was read from the Prince of Wales expressing His Royal Highness's pleasure at the result of the surprise visit which he recently paid to the hospital. The Prime Minister also sent his sympathy. Both students and nurses are working *con amore* for the fund.

Let us hope the Guy's nurses will show the same energy as their colleagues at Bart's, and be able to hand over a handsome cheque to the committee at no distant date.

To be able to lie in bed and listen to the bright services held in the chapel, or to follow the entertainments periodically given during the winter months in the recreation hall, is a thought that would not have occurred even in the dreams of hospital patients some twenty or thirty years ago. Yet such a luxury can now be indulged in by the patients at the Cancer Hospital, Fulham Road, S.W., thanks to the kind services of the chaplain, who has privately raised the necessary funds, without involving the hospital in any expense. A complete and permanent telephonic system has been installed, connecting the chapel and the entertainment hall with every bed in the hospital, and those patients who are unable to get up, either through advances the disease has made, or their weak condition after operation, are, by means of this much appreciated scheme, enabled to join their more fortunate fellow-sufferers in the services of the chapel and in listening to the concerts.

Messrs. Burroughes & Watts have given a full-sized billiard table to be sold at the Westminster Hospital Bazaar on behalf of the hospital. It will be for the stall jointly held by the Duchess of Sutherland and Mrs. Wilberforce.

Lord Balcarres, asked by Sir W. Tomlinson last week in the House of Commons whether in view of accident or sudden illness there was a medicine-chest in the House, answered that there was one in the police department. The key was kept by the constable on duty in the room where the chest was housed. He had instructions not to allow anybody but a medical man to open it.

The Duchess of Somerset has sent £150 to the funds of the Alexandra Hospital for Children as the result of a concert held at 35, Grosvenor Square, on March 30th. The institution is sadly in need of further assistance to enable it to carry on its good work.

We congratulate the Board of Management of the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital on the election of a lady as one of their number. Quite recently a resolution was passed enabling women to act in this capacity, and on the very first opportunity since the resolution was passed the Board gave effect to it by the election of Miss Gadesden to a seat upon it. We agree with a local contemporary which says that "the right of electors to complete and unrestricted freedom of choice as to the persons to whom they will entrust public or social duties is a right that cannot be denied without prejudice to the general principle of representation."

The Earl of Derby, recognising the need for free beds at the Royal Sea Bathing Hospital, Margate, of which he is the president, has initiated a bed endowment fund by contributing a donation of £1,000 for the endowment of the first one.

Mr. James Shepherd, of Rosend Castle, Burntisland, has intimated that he will give £10,000 towards the funds of Dr. Gray's Hospital at Elgin. Mr. Shepherd is a native of Elgin.

Tooth-brushes and tooth-powder are to be supplied to all the inmates of the Austrian prisons.

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