

which is fairly good pay. This, of course, does not include the force employed in the other four hospitals, which are in every way independent institutions, and have nothing in common with this hospital, except that the same head directs their management.

The *hôpital* is well worth a visit. If one is inclined to criticise its present and most apparent shortcomings, a mental contrast with the conditions two years ago will silence such criticism effectually, and one will have nothing but praise for the management that has overcome great difficulties, and has brought it to the condition in which it is to-day.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



On May 22nd the Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society celebrates its centenary, and the occasion will be celebrated by a banquet at which the Prince of Wales will be present, followed on the next day by a large reception at Hanover Square, while on the 24th some 4,000 guests will be expected at the Natural History Museum, when Sir Douglas and Lady Powell hold a *conversazione*.

Princess Christian on Wednesday last laid the foundation stone of the West Wales Sanatorium for Consumptives, to be built at Alltymynydd, near Llanybyther, Carmarthenshire. The Princess fixed a memorial tablet on a massive boulder which had been placed in position on the site of the proposed institution.

The Lord Mayor has consented to allow the annual public meeting of the Hospital Saturday Fund to be held at the Mansion House on Saturday (to-day), at half-past three o'clock. The Council of the Fund has issued an "honourable mention" list of firms which have collected £25 and upwards during the past year. Among the largest contributors are:—Royal Arsenal and Dockyard, Woolwich, £715; General Post Office, £640; National Telephone Company (Limited), £338.

The appeal committee of St. Bartholomew's Hospital acknowledge the munificent donation of £5,000 from Messrs. Wernher, Beit, and Co., towards the rebuilding fund.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have sent a present of twenty-one volumes of *Black and White* for the use of the patients in St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The authorities of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, are making a public appeal for £60,000 in order that they may discharge existing encumbrances and complete the work of enlargement, otherwise their only alternative will be to sell the investments of the hospital, representing the accumulated savings of half a century, and amounting only to £46,000. If this becomes necessary, the resulting loss of income will not only prevent the opening of the Clarence Memorial Wing, but will also compel the closing of some of the wards of the old hospital. Thus the chief object of the last twelve years of strenuous effort will be frustrated, the large sums

which have been spent on the building of the new wards will be lying unproductive, the sixty beds, which would in the course of the year provide for the treatment of 1,400 sick poor, will be left empty, and the most important branch of the work of the hospital—the relief of in-patients—instead of being largely extended, will be actually curtailed.

The appeal for Guy's Hospital for £100,000 has already resulted in the collection of over £40,000.

At the last Comitia of the Royal College of Physicians of London, Dr. Norman Moore proposed:— "That in view of the constantly increasing mortality from plague in India since 1896, and of the recorded mortality of 252,000 in January and February of the present year, a committee be appointed to report to the College on the desirability of the College addressing His Majesty's Government on the subject."

At the Annual Meeting of the Court of Governors of the Evelina Hospital, the President, Lord Ancaster, said that owing to the munificence of a lady who did not wish her name to be stated there was a credit balance at the bank of over £400. The committee had taken a new departure by sending some children afflicted with hip disease to the Sevenoaks Hospital. It was proposed to extend this arrangement, and send more children to Sevenoaks and other country hospitals, which would be a great benefit to the children, and would indirectly benefit that hospital.

Under the will of the late Sir Edward Dolman Scott, Bart., of Great Barr, Staffordshire, who died on March 8th, a sum of £5,000 is directed to be paid to each of the following hospitals:—The General Hospital, Birmingham; the County Infirmary, Stafford; and the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham. After the payment of certain other legacies, one-third of the ultimate residue is left to the Free Cancer Hospital, Brompton Road; the sum which this institution is thus likely to receive is apparently some £5,000 also.

The cases of enteric fever in Lincoln since the beginning of the outbreak have now amounted to over 1,000. The death roll is 110.

According to a contemporary, the Catchwater Drain, which flows through Skellingthorpe, a village three miles from Lincoln, is one of the sources of the Lincoln supply. A Skellingthorpe resident received notice of an alleged nuisance from an overflow from his premises into this drain, and he replied that he had not the slightest idea that the water from the drain was being used in Lincoln for drinking purposes. The drain, he said, was nothing but one long puddle the whole year round, cows and horses standing in it for hours together in the summer time. On one occasion he saw a rabbit, two weasels, and three snakes lying dead in it.

Sir George White, President of the Royal Infirmary, Bristol, who has given £3,000 to the Victoria Memorial Hospital at Nice, has been appointed President of the latter hospital, in succession to the late Sir John Blundell Maple. Mr. Samuel White, of Bristol, brother of the new President, has offered to defray annually the cost of two free beds. At a recent meeting of the subscribers it was decided to take steps to obtain the promised donation of £3,000 of Sir John Blundell Maple by a friendly action against his executors.

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