

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King has been pleased to nominate Mr. William Henry Power, C.B., F.R.S., F.R.C.S., to be a Member of the General Medical Council for a further period of five years from May 15th, 1905.

The Lord Mayor will preside at the Festival Dinner of the City of London Lying-in Hospital, to be held on the 23rd inst. The unavoidable rebuilding of the institution owing to the damage occasioned by the construction of the Great Northern and City Railway Company's Tube involves an unexpected expenditure of over £35,000, the compensation received from the railway company being £3,000.

Mr. Alfred de Rothschild has arranged to lend his private orchestra for the Lord Mayor's luncheon at the Mansion House, on May 22nd, in aid of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children.

Mr. Balfour has become a patron of the Westminster Hospital Bazaar to be opened in Dean's Yard on the 23rd inst. The Westminster School Cadet Corps will provide the guard of honour on the occasion of the opening of the bazaar by the Duke of Connaught.

Following the advice of their assessor, Mr. Plumbe, the King's College Hospital Removal Committee have awarded the first place to the design sent in by Mr. W. A. Pite, R.I.B.A., of the firm of Messrs. Pite and Balfour. The Committee have also appointed Mr. Pite to act as the architect of the new hospital.

The death has occurred at Battersea of a boy of fourteen from cerebro-spinal meningitis. At the inquest which took place the coroner informed the jury that the medical officer of the district had been notified of the death, as the case was of an important character so far as the health of London was concerned.

M. Paul Cambon, the French Ambassador, will preside at the thirty-seventh anniversary dinner of the French Hospital and Dispensary at the Hotel Cecil on Thursday, May 25th. The Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs will also attend.

A fatal case of bubonic plague has occurred at Leith, and the wife and children of the victim are now in hospital. Happily, none of the persons whom it has been thought advisable to remove to an isolation home have developed plague symptoms, and it is hoped that the prompt detection of the cases and the measures of precaution taken will prevent any extension of the disease.

At a meeting in Birmingham, in support of a scheme for building a new lying-in hospital and training-home for midwives, donations were announced of £250 from Mrs. William Cadbury, and £100 from Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Walker. Speaking at this meeting, Dr. Champneys, Chairman of the Central Midwives' Board, said that on the midwives of the future depended very largely our capacity as a nation for maintaining our position in the world.

Speaking on the subject of cerebro-spinal meningitis at a meeting of the Medical Society in Berlin, Professor von Leyden said that there was no cause whatever for alarm. Such cases as are occurring are usual at this time of the year, but on previous occasions have passed unnoticed. The disease is, he said, a very old one, and has appeared in an epidemic form in Upper Silesia from time to time for centuries past. Infection was undoubtedly conveyed through the nose and mouth, and he seriously warned parents, especially those whose children are yet infants, carefully to remember this fact.

## National Sanatorium for Consumption, Bournemouth.

The Earl of Eldon presided at the fiftieth Annual Meeting of the Governors of the National Sanatorium for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest, held at the Westminster Palace Hotel, on Thursday, May 11th. Among those present were the Right Hon. A. F. Jeffreys, M.P., General Stansfeld, Colonel A. D. Eden, Mr. G. J. Fenwick, Mr. Simeon Lazarus, and Mr. G. Barbour.

The annual report of the Committee of Management, which was unanimously adopted, stated that the past year had been one of great importance in the history of the institution, an extension of the building and considerable alterations and improvements having been carried out by which fourteen more beds had been added for patients, and more adequate and suitable accommodation provided for the nursing staff. The cost of these works, including furnishing, had amounted to over £3,000, towards which only £2,000 had been subscribed. The ordinary income for 1904 amounted to £2,999, and the ordinary expenditure to £3,094. The latter, however, was abnormally low owing to the unavoidable closing of the Sanatorium for four months in order to carry out the above extension and improvements, so that a large increase in the income is essential to enable the Committee to continue to keep the whole of the institution open. The report further stated that with the increasing pressure for admission from all parts of the kingdom, the Committee were most reluctant to close any portion of the Sanatorium, and they were therefore making a special appeal for new annual subscriptions to meet the current expenditure and for donations to pay off the total debt of £1,500. They were anxious to commemorate the Jubilee year of the institution by placing it in a sound financial condition.

The account of the year's work showed that the results of the open-air treatment continued to be very satisfactory. Nearly 300 patients were under treatment, a very large proportion of whom were discharged considerably improved.

The Committee reported with the greatest satisfaction that Her Majesty the Queen had been graciously pleased to become an annual subscriber to the funds of the Sanatorium.

The Secretary informed the meeting that the new building had been in occupation since the beginning of this year, and had been the means of greatly increasing the efficiency of the institution; not only were more patients received, but the length of time which applicants had formerly to wait for vacancies had been considerably lessened.

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