

within the province, and the charge made for full care and treatment is eight dollars a week. For those who are not able to pay there is a legal provision that the cost of treatment may be assessed upon the city, town, or poor district in which such needy ones have a settlement, provided they are received at the sanatorium on the request of the mayor of such city or town, or overseer of the poor for such districts. In addition to this, provision is made for patients without means who do not fulfil the conditions noted above, so that practically no one deserving treatment will be refused. At present there are accommodations for only twenty, but the general scheme calls for additional buildings and tents as soon as they are needed. During the first month seven men and one woman entered, and daily inquiries were received.

It would seem that the institution must prove a great boon to the province. It has been demonstrated that the method pursued will cure incipient cases in from twelve to eighteen months, and the government concluded that the time was ripe to undertake the checking of the ravages of the deadly disease. The people generally lack confidence in institutional care, and they must be educated up to its value before they will take advantage of the opportunity offered. But the beginning has been made, and the enterprise of the province must be commended. While tuberculosis of the lungs is no more prevalent in Nova Scotia than in the New England states, it seems to thrust itself more prominently to the front, perhaps because in the largely rural population epidemics and many other diseases are practically unknown. However this may be, it is interesting to note that the provincial government is awake to the need of the hour, and this becomes doubly interesting when one remembers that the people are conservative to the last degree in both thought and action. But the charity born of need and conceived in caution may in the long run lead to better results for the citizens as a whole than more impulsive experimentation.—*Charities.*

The Westminster Hospital Bazaar.

The Bazaar in aid of the Funds of the Westminster Hospital, which was opened by the Duke of Connaught on Tuesday last, was a very picturesque function. The Duke, who was accompanied by the Duchess of Connaught, Princesses Margaret and Victoria of Connaught, and Prince Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden and Norway, was received by the Duke of Buccleuch, President of the Hospital, members of the Committee, the Medical Staff, and the Matron. Bouquets were presented to the Duchess by Miss Gladys Stonham on behalf of the Medical and Surgical Staff, and to the Princesses by the Matron and Night Superintendent.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Queen, on her recent visit to Gibraltar, visited the Military Hospital. After a prolonged inspection, Her Majesty expressed herself much pleased with all the arrangements.

The Prince of Wales, attended by Sir Frederick Treves, paid a surprise visit to the London Hospital on Friday afternoon, inspecting the lupus department, several of the wards, and the medical school, maintaining his incognito. His Royal Highness was, however, recognised in a lecture room, where a demonstration was proceeding, and was heartily cheered by a large number of students on leaving the hospital.

Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll) will receive purses at Carnforth Lodge, Hammersmith, on Thursday, June 29th, on behalf of the Hammersmith and Fulham District Nursing Association.

Her Royal Highness has also given her patronage to the matinée performance at Drury Lane Theatre on Thursday, June 29th, in aid of the Charing Cross Hospital and Convalescent Home.

Dr. MacAlister, of Cambridge, has been elected President of the General Medical Council.

The Lord Mayor presided on Tuesday at a meeting of the Governors and friends of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, when a presentation was made to Sir Ernest Flower, M.P., who has for the last 18 months been honorary secretary to the Special Appeal Committee.

The Special Appeal Committee of the Hospital acknowledge a donation of £1,000 from the trustees of Smith's Kensington Estate Charity.

Lord Glenesk has accepted the position of President of the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

At a meeting last week at the Mansion House, presided over by the Lord Mayor, and convened to further the claims of the National Association for the Prevention of Consumption and other forms of Tuberculosis, Sir William Broadbent expressed the hope that compulsory notification would be adopted before long in London. He also stated that the object of the Association at present was to get the Metropolitan Asylums Board to constitute itself the tuberculosis authority for the metropolis. If they would take up that work it would have an immediate effect upon the amount of consumption in London.

At the Annual Festival Dinner of King's College Hospital, at which Lord Roberts presided, the toast of "The Medical and Nursing Staff of the Hospital" was submitted by Mr. Justice Warrington, and replied to by Mr. Watson Cheyne.

A garden fête and sale of work in aid of the London Homœopathic Hospital will be held, by permission of

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)