

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Prince of Wales, as President of King Edward's Hospital Fund, has appointed Mr. John G. Griffiths, lately of the firm of Deloitte, Dever, Griffiths, and Co., to inquire into the existing uniform system of hospital accounts, and to make recommendations for its revision. Communications relating to the subject should be addressed to the Honorary Secretaries, 81, Cheapside, E.C.

The luncheon, held by desire of Her Royal Highness Princess Henry of Battenberg, in aid of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, on May 22, in the Mansion House, at which the Lord Mayor presided, resulted in the sum of £4,660 being collected, while the entire expenses amounted to £220.

Mr. Chester Jones, Barrister-at-Law, of 1, Pape Buildings, Temple, has been appointed by the Secretary of State for the Home Department to hold an Inquiry, which will be public, into the bye-laws made by the London County Council under the Employment of Children's Act, 1903. The Inquiry will be opened at the County Hall, Spring Gardens, S.W., on Monday, June 26th, at 11 a.m.

Lord Howard de Walden presided at the sixty-ninth annual meeting of the Governors of the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, when Mr. C. J. Thomas said the hospital was doing splendid work, but last year the ordinary income showed a serious diminution. Had it not been for some legacies which had to be used for current expenditure, there would have been a heavy deficit. The Committee of the Hospital, which is surrounded by a teeming population in a very poor neighbourhood, has to raise about £14,000 a year from voluntary sources.

At the Festival Dinner in aid of the maintenance funds of the Hospitals for Consumption at Hampstead and Northwood, held at the Hotel Cecil, donations and subscriptions were announced amounting to £12,721. It was stated that the offer had been made of a motor-car for the use of the patients at Northwood.

To celebrate his Derby win the Earl of Rosebery has given £50 to Epsom Cottage Hospital.

The amount given by Miss Thomas to the 200,000 shilling fund of the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, Streatham, was 10,000 shillings not 10,000 guineas as previously stated. There is plenty of opportunity for friends of this deserving charity to pour in the shillings which will be gladly welcomed by the Secretary at the offices, 72, Cheapside.

A solicitor who was recently instructed to draw up the will of a client was desired to include amongst the legacies one of £500 to the Royal Infirmary, Bristol. Thereupon he represented to his client that the amount would be specially acceptable at the present time, and the donor at once assenting, the solicitor had the pleasure of handing over to the

President, Sir George White, Bart., the above amount from "an anonymous donor."

The Clerk of the Works for the new Royal Manchester Infirmary reports that the great work of rebuilding at Stanley Grove has at last begun. The Committee have agreed that, provided a new hospital for oral cases, and giving facilities for instruction thereon, be built in close proximity to the new Royal Infirmary before 1908, they will not allot any beds in their new infirmary for oral cases.

It is proposed that the maintenance of a convalescent home for Leicester working men, opened at Desford by Mr. Broadhurst, M.P., shall be borne by the working classes of Leicester through an organised system of weekly collections.

At a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Operative Masons of Glasgow and Suburban District it was unanimously resolved to petition the Board of Managers of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary against their decision to reconstruct the outer walls of the infirmary of terra-cotta. The petition is signed on behalf of the Glasgow and Suburban Lodges of Operative Masons.

The Committee urge that terra-cotta is a material vastly inferior to stone, and give proof of this contention, and furthermore urge that if this decision is carried out, it will deprive a large portion of the community of that employment which they naturally expect should fall to them in the event of such a building being erected in their midst, their trade being the greatest sufferer in this respect, as it will displace the labour of probably 200 or 300 masons for a period of several years, which would be nothing short of a calamity, considering the depressed condition of the building trade at the present time in Glasgow, when hundreds of their members are going idle. In conclusion, they consider that money raised by public subscription ought to be spent to the advantage and benefit of the industries within the district where it was subscribed, especially when the institution shall continue to be dependent on local subscriptions. We sympathise strongly with these views.

A New Nursing Department at Messrs. Garrould's.

The establishment of Messrs. Garrould in Edgware Road has long been a popular one with nurses, for great attention is paid to meeting their special needs and to supplying every kind of nursing requisite at moderate prices. The one drawback in the past has been that nurses have had to go to different parts of the establishment for cloaks, bonnets, boots and shoes, etc. Now all this is changed, and a spacious salon is devoted to a nursing department, where those who cannot find what they need must be difficult to please, for it has been arranged with every consideration for their convenience and comfort by experts who have learnt from long experience how best to meet the requirements of nurses. Thus there is even a writing table well supplied with blotting-

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