

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Princess Henry of Battenberg presided last week at the second annual meeting in connection with the Frank James Memorial Hospital at East Cowes. By a declaration of trust, the hospital, with its endowment fund of £10,000, will be vested in five trustees—Lord Alverstone, the Earl of Scarborough, Mr. Arthur James (one of the donors), Mr. Baring, and Mr. Carnt, with Princess Henry of Battenberg as the first president. Last year the hospital was worked at a profit, owing to a contribution of £426 from Working Men's Collections.

It was announced at a special Court of Governors held recently at the London Hospital that a new opsonic department had been formed for the treatment of patients by certain antitoxins. It had long been felt that the treatment of certain forms of tuberculosis and other diseases by those methods had passed the experimental stage, and the Committee had sanctioned the formation of this department under the control of Dr. Bullock, bacteriologist to the hospital. If the treatment were successful great things might be expected.

The following are among the bequests of the late Miss Elizabeth Adelaide Manning, of 5, Pembroke Crescent, Bayswater:—She bequeathed £3,000 to the National Indian Association in Aid of Social Progress and Education in India; £2,000 and certain pictures to Girton College, Cambridge; £500 to the Indian Female Education Fund of the National Indian Association; £200 to the London School of Medicine for Women; £150 to the Charity Organisation Society; £100 to the New Hospital for Women; £100 to Sadbaran Brahma Soma, Calcutta; £100 to the Countess of Dufferin Fund for providing female medical aid for women of India; £50 to the Froebel Society; £100 to Miss Octavia Hill for charitable purposes; £50 to the Working Women's College, Fitzroy Street; £50 to the Froebel Educational Institution; £50 to the Central Association for Woman Suffrage; £50 to the Hindoo Widows' Home Association, Poona; £50 to the Home for Hindoo Widows, Madras; and £50 to the Homoeopathic Hospital, London. We are always glad when women give some of their wealth for the benefit of their own sex.

In response to a request from the Colonial Office, the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine have, with the consent of the University authorities, requested Professor Boyce, who is now at New Orleans, to visit Belize in British Honduras, to report on the sanitary measures necessary in that colony in relation to yellow fever.

Sixty cases of scarlet fever, most of them being girls, have been removed from the Foundling Hospital to the hospitals of the Metropolitan Asylums Board at Hampstead and Homerton. The cause of the outbreak is at present unknown. Happily the disease is of a mild type.

A prize of £400,000 has been offered by a member of the Brazilian Government for the discovery of a certain means of the prevention or cure of syphilis, or

tuberculosis, or cancer. The Brazilian Minister of the Interior will, it is said, refer the proposal to a Committee composed of a representative of the National Academy of Medicine, and four other members of kindred bodies in France, England, Germany, and Italy. The Brazilian Government will regulate the meetings of the Committee. The prize may be gained by either natives or foreigners.

Under the will of the late Mr. John Poncia, of Erdington, the General and the Queen's Hospitals, Birmingham, each benefit to the extent of £10,000.

At the opening of the new hospital for infectious diseases erected at Newburn by the Gosforth, Newburn, and Castle Ward Joint Hospital Committee, the Duke of Northumberland, in performing the ceremony, congratulated the various districts joined together in this work on being able to combine, and expressed his satisfaction at the excellence of the building. At the same time, he said he belonged to the old-fashioned school which believed that if every child were vaccinated and revaccinated there would be no small-pox, and no need for a small-pox hospital. The existence of this hospital, therefore, so far as small-pox was concerned, was really an extravagance forced upon them by the absence of this reasonable precaution. It had to be a burden on the rates.

The sad death while bathing of Mrs. J. H. Allen, a warm supporter of the Lyme Regis Cottage Hospital, occurred last week. The deceased lady's two dogs waited for her on the shore long after she was dead.

Mr. Noel Buxton, M.P. for the Whitby Division, recently opened a new out-patient wing in connection with the Whitby Cottage Hospital. In declaring the wing open, Mr. Buxton said that he was for several years on the committee of a London hospital, and could testify to the admirable work which was being done by such institutions. Without accommodation such as was being opened that day, considerable discomfort was being experienced by patients.

The late Mrs. Mashiter bequeathed a legacy of £1,000, free of duty, to the trustees of the Romford Victoria Cottage Hospital, the amount to be invested or applied by the trustees in their absolute discretion for the benefit of the institution.

The Committee of the Warnford Hospital, Leamington, have been reluctantly obliged to close certain wards in consequence of the failure, during the last two years, of donations available for annual maintenance. It has been decided to limit the number of beds in the Leigh (or Children's) Ward to sixteen. The total reduction of beds amounts to twenty-seven.

The Welsh national monument to Professor Alfred Hughes, who was the director of the Welsh Hospital in the South African War, and who succumbed to fever, was unveiled at Corris last Saturday. It is in the form of a Celtic cross, and has been erected on the side of the road leading to Cader Idris.

An international hygienic exhibit will be included in the general exhibit in Milan in 1906. The exhibit will have for its object the practical presentation to the public of the advantages made in the field of sanitation during recent years.

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