

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The beginning of the session of St. Bartholomew's Hospital was signalised by a large gathering of old St. Bartholomew's men and students in the library for afternoon tea. The interest shown in the new out-patient and special departments block which is now being erected was great. From the library window a birdseye view of the new ground and the building rising on it was obtained, and the plans fully demonstrated. The cost of this block will be £120,000, and it is gratifying to know that nearly the whole amount is now in hand. Plans for the next block to be built, the pathological block, were also viewed. The cost of this block will be £20,000, towards which some £2,000 is already in hand.

Still no news of the erection of the desperately-needed Nurses' Home—we are of opinion that steps should be taken to house suitably the nursing staff of this great hospital—at present they are worse off than the nurses attached to any first-class hospital that we know in the three kingdoms.

Lord Ludlow, the Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has received the following donations to the Rebuilding Fund—namely, £52 10s. each from Alderman Sir Thomas Vezey Strong and Mr. Alexander H. Donaldson, and £70 from the Company of Haberdashers.

Princess Christian, on behalf of the National Committee for the Establishment of Sanatoria for Workers Suffering from Tuberculosis, has sent a letter to the secretary of the Institute of Journalists, expressing appreciation of the kindness of the Press in giving publicity to the appeal which her Royal Highness recently made on behalf of the committee.

Sir Shirley Murphy, Medical Officer of Health to the London County Council, has been again elected President to the Incorporated Society of Medical Officers of Health. Half a million of money has been spent on re-organising the London Hospital, and Mr. Holland says they are as rich to-day as when they started re-building.

Good progress is being made in the erection of the new Royal Infirmary at Manchester, at which over 400 men are now at work. Some handsome donations have been received—notably, £5,000 from the executors of the late Mrs. John Harling, and £2,500 from Misses Esther and Mary Barnes.

At the annual meeting of the governors of the Sheffield Royal Hospital, the Duke of Norfolk, who presided, after urging the need for still greater support for the hospital, announced that an anonymous benefactor had given £5,000 as a special donation for promoting the extension of the institution, not on its present site, but at some more salubrious spot on the confines of the city, and a gift of £500 had also been promised for furnishing.

The Leicester Guardians are to be congratulated upon the opening of their fine new Infirmary at North Evington. Those who had any knowledge of the terribly crowded conditions of life in the Leicester Workhouse knew how absolutely imperative was the undertaking which the Guardians, under the leadership of Councillor Kemp, decided upon some three or four years ago. The cost of the institution will involve an outlay of £120,000. This is a large sum of money, but the ratepayers will derive some satisfaction in the knowledge that the new Workhouse Infirmary, as admitted by experts, is one of the finest, as well as one of the largest, in the country.

Under the able superintendence of Miss Ada B. Clarke—trained at the New Infirmary at Birmingham—a new School of Nursing will be available at Leicester, much to the advantage of pupils and patients.

Sir George White, the Chairman of the Bristol Royal Infirmary, made a most satisfactory interim statement at the half-yearly meeting of the Board of Governors. He reported that the subscriptions, donations, employees, church, and penny fund collections amounted for the half year to £7,598, against £4,796, an increase of £2,802 over the corresponding period of the previous year. The increase in old subscriptions and 188 new subscriptions was £692, while the collection in the tramway cars, which was not in vogue in 1904, amounted to £1,159. The increase in the ordinary donations was £974, giving the total of £2,802. He might say that the increase in the ordinary subscriptions was no less than 26 per cent., and in the number of subscribers 15 per cent. The next item was that of legacies. There, too, they had a substantial increase, the money received from that source being £2,915 as against £1,005, an increase of £1,909. The receipts from investments, nursing fund, and sundry items amounted to £2,574 against £2,618, or a decrease of £43; so that the totals were as follows:—Total income £13,089 against £8,420, or an increase of £4,668 on the half-year. It was most gratifying to the committee to see that a real public interest was being awakened, and that in the various items of income they had such substantial increases.

According to a Continental Hebrew paper, the Nobel Prize of £20,000 will go next time to Dr. Ludwig Zamenhof, the author of "Esperanto," on the ground that his invention has encouraged "the promotion of the peace of nations and of universal brotherhood." Dr. Zamenhof is a Russian Jew, practising in Warsaw as a medical oculist. He is a distinguished linguist, the son of a famous teacher of languages, and capable of reading and writing English, French, German, Russian, Polish, Hebrew, and Yiddish.

About the most perfectly-situated isolation hospital for the segregation of cases of contagious disease, and one of the finest hospitals in the world, is that on North Brother Island, New York. The hospital, with additions and improvements now in hand (costing an addition of a million and a half dollars) will accommodate more than a thousand patients in numerous isolated pavilions. These pavilions, or sub-hospitals, are set in charming, well-timbered grounds, the whole surrounded by deep, broad, navigable channels of water, and reached only by jetties and landing-stages.

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