

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Lord Ludlow, treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has received £50 from Dr. Henry Edward Montgomery Baylis, £52 10s. from Mrs. H. Morley Fletcher towards the rebuilding fund (pathological block), £200 from Sir Trevor Lawrence towards the rebuilding fund (second instalment), £250 from Sir Benjamin L. Cohen (third instalment), and £105 from Miss Eleanor Powell (per Dr. W. P. Herringham). The treasurer of Guy's Hospital has received £1,000 for the purpose of endowing a bed in recognition of benefits received through a surgeon of the hospital, from an anonymous donor, and "Marnie" is still distributing largesse with a lavish hand.

One of the great fêtes of the season will be the monster bazaar at the Royal Horticultural Hall to be held in June next, in aid of the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children and Women.

At a bazaar recently held at the Datchelor School, Camberwell, the sum of £450 was raised towards the endowment of a Datchelor cot in King's College Hospital, when the new buildings at Denmark Hill are erected.

At the annual meeting of the trustees of the Liverpool Royal Infirmary it was announced that a Royal Charter had been granted to the hospital, which His Majesty confirmed by letters patent on August 28th, 1905. It was also reported that through the generosity of Mr. E. R. Bickersteth, the upper part of old Dover Street, opposite the Nurses' Home, had been laid out as a recreation ground for the nurses. The conditions of private nursing had greatly changed, and under the agreement with the Nurses' Committee the Infirmary had been called upon to increase its contribution by £500 a year, the total payment being now £3,000. This splendid hospital may fairly lay claim to a great work done on behalf of the sick and suffering in Liverpool, and we are glad to note that all those whose work contributes to this end, including Lady Superintendent and nurses, received a hearty vote of thanks from the Governors of the institution.

At the recent annual meeting of the Governors of the County Hospital at Lincoln Canon H. W. Hutton presiding, it was reported that the receipts for 1905 amounted to £6,000, and the payments to £6,460. The balance due to the treasurer had been increased to £1,013. The chairman said that the work of the hospital had enormously increased, but the Governors could not disguise the fact that if they did not get a considerable income from some source the work must be greatly curtailed, or the institution in course of time would have to be closed.

The Central Midwives' Board.

A meeting of the Central Midwives' Board was held at the offices of the Board, 6, Suffolk Street, Pall Mall, on Thursday, January 25th. There were present Dr. Champneys in the chair, Miss Rosalind Paget, Miss Wilson, Dr. Dakin, Mr. Parker Young and Mr. Ward Cousins.

The Board decided to consult Mr. Fordham as to the probable acceptability of the suggestions proposed for the guidance of medical advisers of the Local Supervising Authorities respecting the duties of inspectors before approving and issuing them.

After the consideration of certain suggestions made by the examiners of the Manchester centre as to the examination system of the Board, it was agreed that there was no reason to make any alterations in the present system.

A resolution of the Lutterworth Guardians suggesting the reduction of cases required of candidates from twenty to seven did not meet with approval.

Dr. Hicks (London) and Dr. Rayner (Bristol) were appointed examiners for the next examination, after which it was decided to advertise both vacancies.

In reply to an enquiry from Dr. A. J. Wallace as to his right to refuse to sign the certificate of instruction of a pupil prepared by him six years ago, the Chairman said that the lapse of time did not affect the question. The point involved was one of common law.

Dr. Eustace Hill was referred to the Act and Rules as to his right as Supervising Medical Officer to exercise supervision over midwives in workhouses.

Mr. Parker Young was appointed to assist the examiners in setting the paper for the ensuing examination. The Sub-Committee on the business of the Board reported that seven of the nine members were in favour of holding the meeting of the Standing Committee on the Thursday preceding the ordinary meeting of the Board, one (Mr. Fordham) had not answered, and one (Sir William Sinclair) objected. The Committee advocated the adoption of the procedure approved by the majority, which was agreed to. The arrangement is one which will certainly meet with unqualified approval on the part of the Press, who so far have had to waste valuable time waiting for the conclusion of the Standing Committee.

A Sub-Committee consisting of the Chairman, Mr. Parker Young, and Mr. Fordham, with the Secretary, was appointed to consider the Board's final proceedings and to report thereon. The object being to sift the cases so that only those of importance and capable of clear proof should be proceeded with.

An extension of time for the signing of schedules was on the vote of a majority of the Board granted in the case of certain pupils of the Cheltenham District Nursing Association.

On the report of the Standing Committee, it was agreed to advertise the appointment of Chief Clerk under the Board at a salary of £2 a week, to cite four midwives to appear before the Board, and to censure, caution, and ask for an explanation from others.

The Greenwich Union Infirmary was accepted as a training school.

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