

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



A scheme for providing the City of London with a properly equipped ambulance system, put forward by the Commissioner of the Police (Captain Nott Bower), is shortly to be brought before the Common Council. The scheme has been adopted by the Police Committee and approved by the Finance Committee, so it may be hoped that it is within measurable distance. Captain Nott Bower has been struck by the lamentable want of a horse ambulance service in London, and the undoubted success of such a service in provincial and continental towns.

Princess Henry of Battenberg will, at the Portman Rooms, on May 10th, present the challenge shield awarded by the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England for competition among the employees of the railway companies of England and Wales holding the St. John Ambulance Association certificate.

There is no doubt that numerous aliases of a financial nature have crept into the management of charity bazaars of late years—what with “professional” organisation, commissions, and thefts—and we are glad to note that the grand bazaar being organised in aid of the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children and Women, over which the Duchess of Albany is to preside, is going to be conducted on reformed lines. There are to be no raffles, no commissions, no percentages, and no deductions, as a special fund will cover all expenses. Thus every penny spent in the hall will go to the hospital, which has been rebuilt, and in which three wards await funds to house the suffering children. Her Royal Highness is very anxious that the bazaar should be a great success.

The Duchess of Albany has consented to distribute the prizes at the sixteenth annual competition of the Children's Salon, the present effort being for the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children.

It was announced at the quarterly Court of Governors of the London Hospital that last year £61,200 had been spent in improving the institution. Numerous economies have been effected, with the result that the cost per bed has fallen from £97 to £88 per annum; 3,106 in-patients have been treated during the quarter with 19,100 out-patients and 31,400 minor casualties.

St. Mary's Hospital has just received an anonymous gift of £1,000, in relief of its present great financial difficulties.

The movement for the endowment of a cot in the Belgrave Hospital, Kennington, to perpetuate the

memory of the late Dan Leno has resulted in the collection of £525, to which the widow of the comedian yesterday added a cheque for £100.

At the seventy-seventh anniversary festival of that most excellent charity, the British Orphan Asylum, Slough, held in the Whitehall Rooms last week, Lord Cheylesmore had to report that the income of the charity during the last year had again proved inadequate, and stock had been sold to defray the debt to the bankers. At the close of the dinner the Secretary announced, amid loud cheers, that the sum of £3,053 had been raised in donations.

“In this house was born, on the 10th April, 1829, William Booth, Founder and General of the Salvation Army,” is the inscription on a marble tablet which has just been placed over the door of No. 12 Notintone Place, Nottingham.

The death is announced of Mr. J. G. Vezey, the chairman of the Miller Hospital Committee, Greenwich Road. He was waiting to administer electrical treatment to a patient in the Röntgen-rays department when he was suddenly taken ill, became unconscious, and died before one of the house surgeons could be summoned.

Professor Charles Eliot Norton, of Harvard University, a friend of Professor Ruskin, is amongst those who are supporting a Bill introduced into the State Legislature by a prominent physician to legalise the killing of persons suffering from incurable diseases, and hideously deformed or idiotic children.

Professor Neisser, who six years ago, for purposes of experiment, inoculated a number of children in the hospital at Breslau with the germs of a horrible disease, was recently announced to speak at Breslau on the subject of marriage and secret disease. The audience refused to hear him, and he was howled down.

A Useful Preparation.

Many persons will be glad to know of a preparation of ammonia which, in addition to the ordinary properties of this useful toilet article, possesses also antiseptic qualities. Such a preparation is “Worlds' Antiseptic Ammonia,” which may be used with advantage as an addition to the bath, when it renders ordinary hard water, soft and pleasant, and also for a variety of other domestic purposes.

It is of great service in the laundry, as it has not the deleterious effects of ordinary soda, and effects a great economy in the usual expenditure on soap. Its antiseptic qualities commend it as an application in the case of bites from mosquitoes and other insects, of which it allays the irritation. For washing silver, earthenware, glass, &c., it will be found most useful.

In short, it should be added to the domestic preparations in use in every household. The office of the Company is 17, Waterloo Place, S.W.

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