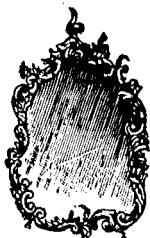


Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Duke of Connaught will open the enlarged University College Hospital in Gower Street, on November 6th next. The building will accommodate 300 patients, besides possessing extensive out-patient and special departments.

Half of the £300,000 required for the removal of King's College Hospital to the new site in Camberwell, presented by the Hon. F. W. D. Smith, M.P., has been subscribed, and in all probability the new building will be commenced before the end of the present year. The out-patients' department is to be erected first, and the wards and administrative section will follow, as further funds permit.

The British Medical Association has agreed upon Exeter as its next place of meeting. The president-elect is Dr. Henry Davy.

The special collection of the Hospital Saturday Fund by means of the distribution of boxes and collecting sheets to banks and business houses willing to receive them, is fixed this year for Saturday, October 13th. This collection is in substitution of the old street collection, the abandonment of which has proved an advantage rather than a detriment to the fund.

The receipts of the Fund from January to the 25th ult. reached £11,241, a slight increase as compared with the corresponding period of last year. This total is the result mainly of regular weekly or other periodical contributions in the industrial establishments, etc., of London. It is hoped that the total for 1906 will not fall short of £30,000.

Amongst other charities the Great Northern Hospital, Holloway road, benefits to the extent of £1,000 by the will of the Hon. Reginald Algernon Capel, late deputy Chairman of the Great Northern Railway.

The Chelsea Hospital for Women has named a Bed the Hannah Finnie Bed, as a memorial of the late Mrs. Hannah Finnie and her generous bequest.

The Earl Cawdor, as treasurer of the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C., has received a cheque for £1,000 from "An Opponent of Vivisection." The hospital is appealing for £30,000 for the extension of the out-patient department, etc., of which nearly £13,000 is already promised.

The Infants' Hospital, Denning Road, Hampstead, has during the past three years done excellent work. Its objects are: 1. To place the management of infants on a basis of scientific hygiene; 2. To place the treatment of the disorders and diseases of

nutrition occurring in infants upon a system in harmony with the results of modern investigations; 3. To investigate and demonstrate the means by which the present conditions of disease and mortality among infants may be prevented. The premises at present occupied are, however, being held only on a temporary agreement, which expires during the present year, and a site has now been acquired from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in Vincent Square, Westminster, for a permanent hospital. As the community is becoming increasingly alive to the enormous waste of child life, and to the unnecessary suffering endured by little children on account of a lack of knowledge on the part of those who are responsible for their up-bringing, an institution which strives to throw light on these important subjects should secure wide support.

The London County Council are about to appoint a medical attendant for the men working in compressed air on the construction of the Rotherhithe Tunnel.

It is hoped that the first sanatorium established by the National Association, formed to establish and maintain sanatoria for workers suffering from Tuberculosis, at Benenden in Kent, on a site comprising 252 acres, and 700 feet above the sea-level, will be ready for the reception of patients by the end of the year. Over 32,000 postal employes have consented to contribute from their wages a certain sum for the maintenance of the establishment. The Post Office Sanatoria Association undertakes to endow twenty-five beds, the Hospital Sunday Fund five, the Club and Institute Union two, the Royal Oak Benefit Society one, the Foresters (South London Branch) one, the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants one, and the National Union of Teachers two.

Princess Henry of Battenberg, president of the Frank James Memorial Hospital, presided recently at the annual meeting of the hospital executive held at East Cowes, and expressed her entire satisfaction with the year's working. The hospital has already dealt with 400 cases, and during the year a saving of nearly £700 has been effected. The endowment fund is now vested in trustees, including Lord Alverstone, the Earl of Scarborough, Mr. A. James, and Mr. Godfrey Baring, M.P.

The future disposal of the Princess Louise's Military Hospital, at Alton, Hants, which was erected by the "Absent-Minded Beggars' Fund" during the South African war, has been under the consideration of the War Office for some time. The Army Council now announce that no decision can be arrived at.

Lord Tredegar has given property valued at £12,000 near Newport, Mon., for the establishment of a convalescent home, which he will fit up at his own expense.

The Roumanian Government has introduced a Bill prohibiting the marriage of persons suffering from incurable syphilis, consumption, or epilepsy.

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