

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The prize of £50 given annually by Sir John Craggs, M.V.O., to the London School of Tropical Medicine, for presentation to the author of the most valuable contribution to tropical medicine during the year, has just been awarded to Fleet-Surgeon Bassett-Smith.

The Board of Delegates of the Hospital Saturday Fund on Saturday allotted £23,898 to 106 institutions. Seventeen nursing institutions participate in the awards.

To perpetuate the memory of Felicia Hemans, the poetess, a fund has been started to endow a cot in her name at the Royal Waterloo Hospital. All information can be obtained from the Special Appeal Committee, 156, Regent Street; or from her grandchildren, Miss Hilda Hemans, Eagle Tower, Southsea; or Miss Ethel Tancred and Mr. F. W. Tancred, 29, Westbourne Gardens, W.

The report of the committee of the Royal Waterloo Hospital for Children and Women, which is shortly to be issued, will show that a debt of over £2,000 still remains on the completed portion of the building. The remaining portion, about one-third of the whole, is to cost £25,000; but the committee has decided not to proceed further until the present debt is cleared off. It is not generally known that this is the oldest hospital for children, and that for forty years it was the only children's hospital in existence.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild of the London Homeopathic Hospital was held last week in the board room at Great Ormond Street. In the absence of the President, the Countess Cawdor, Mrs. R. W. Perks, President of the Executive Council, presided, and there was a large and representative gathering. The Council reported an increase in subscriptions and in the number of garments sent to the hospital this year.

The late Dowager Marchioness of Londonderry bequeathed £1,000 in trust to apply the income therefrom for the maintenance of a nurse at Machynlleth Cottage Hospital.

The Italian Hospital, Queen Square, of which General J. Ramsey Slade stated recently to the King's Fund that it was both efficiently and economically managed, and always lived within its income, has received a diploma of honour from the Milan Exhibition for its exhibit of the hospital's work.

Mr. Alfred Hayward, late of St. Mary's Hospital, has entered upon his duties as secretary of the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, in succession to Mr. David Cannon, who has resigned after many years service.

The Chemists' Exhibition, which is organised annually by the *British and Colonial Druggist*, will this year take place at the Royal Horticultural Hall, Westminster, S.W., from Monday, May 6th, to Friday, May 10th inclusive. The exhibition is a representative and useful one, the date of which should be noted.

The Governors of the Derbyshire Children's Hospital, Derby, announce that the President, Mrs. Walter Evans, of Darley Abbey, has generously paid off the debt on the institution, amounting to £900. Another interesting feature in connection with the hospital is the success of an appeal to the children of Derbyshire to endow a cot to be known as "The Derbyshire Children's Cot." The results have been so gratifying that the endowment of a second cot is in contemplation.

The Earl of Dysart has offered to pay half the cost of equipping Grantham Hospital with the most modern appliances—the whole involving an estimated expenditure of £1,073. The condition is that the remainder should be subscribed in cash, or promised within six months.

We are glad that Dr. Goodall, of Cardiff, the Medical Superintendent of the new mental hospital there, has made good his plea that it should be called the City of Cardiff Mental Hospital, rather than Lunatic Asylum. At a recent meeting of the Corporation Committee in charge of the institution, he reiterated his reasons, expressed at a previous meeting three months ago, for the use of this term, the basis of his desire being, he stated, to get rid of an illogical distinction between one kind of sick person and another. Moreover, when patients felt they were in a hospital for treatment it gave them more confidence and helped them to make a recovery. With the exception of the Chairman, the Committee were unanimously in favour of Dr. Goodall's proposition.

A very useful and interesting quarterly magazine is *Progress*, which with the January issue enters upon its second year of life. It is the organ of the British Institute of Social Service, its motto being "The Experience of All for the Benefit of Each," and it is concerned with civic, social and industrial betterment. It is published at 11, Southampton Row, W.C.

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