

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Prince of Wales presided on Monday at Marlborough House over a meeting of the General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London. The amount received by the fund this year, after payment of expenses, was £156,748. Of this £135,000 is allotted for distribution among hospitals, and £5,000 among convalescent homes and sanatoria.

The Nobel Prize Committees have awarded the prizes this year as follows:—*Chemistry*.—Prof. Ernest Rutherford, of Manchester University, for his researches in radio-activity. *Physics*.—Prof. Gabriel Lippmann, Paris, for discoveries in connection with colour photography. *Medicine*.—Prize divided between Professor Metchnikoff, of Paris, and Professor Paul Ehrlich, of Frankfurt-on-Main, for researches in the subject of natural and acquired immunity. *Literature*.—Professor Rudolf Eucken, of Jena, for his philosophical works. The prize-winners, with the exception of Professor Metchnikoff, who was unable to be present, received their prizes, consisting of a medal, a diploma, and a cheque for £7,680 from the King of Sweden last week.

An interesting novelty exhibited at a Reception at the Incorporated Institute of Hygiene by Mr. A. W. Mayo Robson, F.R.C.S., last week was a plum pudding, twelve feet in circumference, of which all the 300 ingredients had been submitted to rigorous analysis in the laboratories of the Institute.

On Tuesday, the 15th inst., the Earl of Coventry, on behalf of the subscribers of the town and district, presented to the trustees of the Kidderminster Infirmary and Children's Hospital, a memorial to the late Sir Frederick Godson, which takes the form of a mortuary chapel, for which Lady Godson has given a beautiful mural decoration in memory of her husband. This chapel supplies a very much needed want of the institution. We hope later to give a further description of it.

Professor Gilbert Murray, presiding recently at a meeting of the Oxford Anti-Sweating League, in the hall of Christ Church, said that in general all social reform passed through three stages. The first was for someone to discover that something was wrong. That generally took at least a century, and was a sign that things had begun to come before people's notice that anything was wrong. The next stage was one of education, in which the people who had discovered that there was a social evil to be remedied had to point it out to what he might call the large mass of uninformed rich, who did not know there was anything wrong. That was a peculiarly difficult and tantalising process, because with a large proportion of people at any rate as soon as they had told them it once they proceeded to forget it, and as soon as they told them again they got bored, and said they had heard it

before. Then the third stage was for the social reformers (the original generation of them had probably long passed away) who remained to agree among themselves upon some scheme, and eventually, after a long struggle, to get it through the House of Commons.

At the last meeting of the Cardiff Infirmary Board of Management it was reported that there was an over-draft of £20,000 at the bank. It was also announced that Lord Aberdare had promised to become responsible for any overdraft up to £25,000. A scheme has been inaugurated by Lady Aberdare to raise a fund of 1,000,000 shillings for the Infirmary.

Where to Go for Christmas Presents.

MESSRS. E. AND R. GARROULD'S.

Nurses who are accustomed to purchase their uniforms and nursing requisites at Messrs. Garrould's, 150, Edgware Road, W., will find at the present time that the spacious Nursing Saloon is transformed into a Christmas Bazaar, but their special requirements are well provided for in other departments for the time being, and they will be less than human if they do not still spend some time in the Saloon where not only an inviting array of Christmas gifts suitable for their own friends can be inspected, but also the toys, Christmas stockings, and other delights needed for hospital wards are to be found in lavish abundance at most moderate prices.

For instance, there are boxes of assorted toys specially put up with a view to the needs of hospitals. One, at 2s. 6½d., contains 36 penny toys. Others contain 24 twopenny toys for 3s. 6d., 24 threepenny ones for 5s., 24 fourpenny ones for 6s. 6d., and 24 sixpenny ones for 9s. 3d. There is a wonderful Christmas tree in a pot, all complete and dressed with thirty-six assorted toys, for 2s. 9½d., and a smaller size may even be had for 1s. Santa Claus surprise stockings are obtainable from 2½d. to 4s. 3d. each, mechanical toys, charming dolls, Teddy bears, and many other delectable toys, make the bazaar a Children's Paradise. Nor must we forget Dean's Soldier Pinafores, which would delight any children, and be of real use to their mothers. They are supplied flat for making up at home, which can speedily be done, and are kept in stock in a variety of regiments, price 1s. 6d.

MESSRS. THOMAS WALLIS AND CO.

A firm which excels in the attractiveness of its Christmas Bazaar is that of Messrs. Thomas Wallis and Co., Holborn Circus, E.C., and this year its attractions are, if possible, greater than ever. Not only children, but adults, must be entranced by the fur animals which are so conspicuous a feature of the Bazaar. Life-sized cats, delightful dogs, ever-welcome Teddy bears, monkeys, and many other animals, are to be found here at prices varying from 4½d. to 49s. 6d. Mechanical toys of all kinds, sizes, and prices are also on view in such abundance as to need a department to themselves. Dolls dressed and undressed from 4½d. to 17s. 9d.,

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