

## Reflections.

### FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Board of Management of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath, has issued a charming Christmas Appeal, entitled "A Chorus of Celebrities," containing messages from many dignitaries and celebrities, of heartiest good wishes for the prosperity of the institution. Amongst the contributors are the Very Rev. Hermann Adler, D.D., Chief Rabbi. Mr. George Alexander (with a drawing by Mr. Tom Browne, of the popular actor, which depicts him writing his message), Lord Curzon (with a portrait by Mr. E. T. Reed), Sir G. Wyatt Truscott, Lord Mayor of London, Mr. George Meredith, and many others. It is issued from the offices, 4, St. Paul's Churchyard, E.C., and the Secretary, Mr. Charles Cutting, is greatly to be congratulated on so tasteful and interesting an appeal.

An interesting lecture is announced to take place at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Friday, January 22nd, 1909, when Colonel Sir C. M. Watson, K.C.M.G., will speak on the History of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, and will illustrate his lecture, which will be divided into two parts, with lantern views. Part I. will deal with the History of the Order from its foundation to the occupation of Malta by the British, and Part II. with the Order in England. Tickets, price 4s. each, or three for 10s. 6d., may be obtained from Lady Furley, 14, Evelyn Gardens, S.W. Any profits are to be given to charities.

The Local Government Board Order respecting the notification of pulmonary tuberculosis in Poor Law cases has now been issued to local authorities, and on and after January 1st, 1909, consumption will, in such cases, be a notifiable disease in England and Wales. According to the regulations, the medical officer of a Poor Law establishment shall, within 48 hours after his first recognition of such symptoms in the case of an inmate, post to the medical officer of health for the district in which such person resided, "immediately before" his admission, a notification in the case. A district medical officer must also send a similar notification in regard to any person suffering from the disease on whom he is in attendance. Further, it will be the duty of a superintending officer of a Poor Law institution to notify the actual or intended place of destination of any such person who is leaving the institution. Again, the relieving officers are to notify any change of address other than admission into a Poor Law institution.

The Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Bill was on Friday last week read for a second time in the House of Lords, considered in Committee, reported to the House, read a third time, and passed.

At the prize distribution to students at Charing Cross Hospital last week, the Dean of the Medical School, Mr. F. C. Wallis, in his report, referred to the great loss the school had sustained in the retirement of the Earl of Kilmorey from the Chairmanship.

A new infirmary, to cost £66,550, is being erected for the Wandsworth Union in St. James's Road, Wandsworth Common, and will accommodate 600 patients. This will bring up the total accommodation to about 1,300 beds. The memorial stone has been laid by the Chairman of the Wandsworth Board of Guardians, Canon Curtis. The old infirmary has been congested for years past.

A Jewish hospital, with Jewish doctors and Jewish nurses, and even a Jewish porter, in order that their afflicted brothers and sisters may make themselves easily understood, and gain the confidence engendered from converse in a tongue with which they are familiar, is the ambition of the Jewish community in the East End, and a meeting was recently held in St. George's Town Hall under the Chairmanship of Mr. I. Berliner, to give effect to the scheme.

The building fund for the new Hostel of St. Luke (Clergy Nursing Home) is announced to be free from debt, but the maintenance fund is in need of increased support.

### THE GODSON MEMORIAL CHAPEL.

The Godson Memorial Mortuary Chapel at the Kidderminster Infirmary was dedicated last week in the presence of many friends and subscribers. Sir Frederick Godson, in whose memory the chapel has been built, was, for twenty years, Member of Parliament for Kidderminster, and a Life Governor and a Member of the Committee of the Infirmary. It contains some beautiful mosaic work, representing the Risen Saviour, the cost of which has been borne by Lady Godson.

The Chairman of the Memorial Committee, Dr. J. J. L. Stretton, said that the Committee had received assistance from many individuals, and it was only right and proper that some of them should receive recognition during the proceedings that afternoon. It was impossible to thank everybody, and he was reminded that the noblest service came from nameless hands, and the best servant did her work unseen, but he felt he ought to drag one of those nameless ones from her obscurity, because he was quite sure the inception of that movement and the collection of a very large portion of the funds were due to their excellent Matron, Miss Barling. He expressed the opinion that the chapel was a peculiarly suitable memorial to one so sympathetic with the sorrows of others as the late Sir Frederick Godson. In the place of the Earl of Coventry, Lord Lieutenant of the county, who was prevented by illness from attending, Mr. Grosvenor handed over the memorial to the Infirmary Committee. It was accepted by the President, Canon Wheatley, on behalf of the Committee, the Medical Staff, the Matron, and the Nursing Staff, who said that with great gratification he received the gift, which met a very great want, as President of the Infirmary. Those present then proceeded to the chapel, where Lady Lea unlocked the handsome oak doors, saying, "I declare this building open, and hope it may be a great comfort to many in their time of sorrow."

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