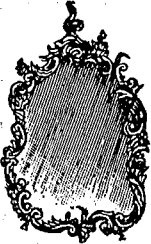


Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



HER ROYAL HIGHNESS PRINCESS LOUISE, Marchioness of Lorne, recently opened the new Oxygen Home in Fitzroy Square.

The Bishop of Stepney presided recently over the annual meeting of the governors and supporters of the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Portland Terrace, Regent's Park. In moving the adoption of the report and accounts, the chairman said that funds were urgently needed as the lease of the present building would soon run out, and, therefore, it became necessary to face the expense of obtaining a new home for the institution.

Sir Rutherford Alcock presided recently over the annual meeting of the Hospital for Women, Soho Square. He asked for increased annual subscriptions on the ground that the committee did not feel justified in acceding to the wishes of the medical staff for increased accommodation for in-patients while the reliable income of the hospital was £2,000 per annum under the average expenditure. The pressure for beds was very great.

The treasurer of Guy's Hospital has received £1,000 from Mr. Charles Gassiot towards the cost of building a nursing home in connection with the hospital.

The Duke of Portland has given a site for the proposed Nurses' Home at Hucknall Torkard, and £280 have been received towards the Building Fund.

The foundation-stone of a new block of buildings, comprising stores, officers' and committee rooms, temporary wards and lying-in wards, and a dining-hall and chapel, was recently laid at the Marylebone Workhouse by Mr. Edward White, L.C.C.

The whole of the land has been secured for the new University College Hospital. The work of demolishing houses standing on the ground to be built upon will be begun this week. Sir Blundell Maple is especially anxious that the out-patients should be comfortably accommodated while waiting to see the doctors, and Mr. Alfred Waterhouse has re-arranged the plans with a view to attaining this end.

Mr. George Hanbury, in taking the chair at the annual meeting of the Paddington Green Children's Hospital, stated that the support given to the convalescent home was so scanty that there was a deficit on last year's expenditure of £410. If more subscriptions are not forthcoming the committee fear that it will be impossible to carry on the Home, which will be a grievous calamity.

At a meeting of the General Committee of Citizens in Edinburgh for the purpose of raising a fund for the

celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, it was proposed by Colonel Forbes Mackay that a women's pavilion should be erected at the Royal Infirmary. As the accommodation at the infirmary for persons suffering from the diseases of women is at present entirely inadequate, and the necessity for an increased number of beds was so urgent that the managers of the infirmary had already resolved to appeal to the public to enable them to provide them, it seems peculiarly appropriate that a woman's pavilion should be provided as a memorial of the reign of the great and noble woman who has for sixty years held sway over the British Empire. After some discussion the following motion was adopted, "That a fund of £50,000 be now raised by subscription in the city for the purpose of commemorating the completion of the sixtieth year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and that its proceeds be devoted—nine-tenths to the erection of a building for the treatment of diseases peculiar to women in connection with the Royal Infirmary, and one-tenth to the Queen's Commemoration Fund of the Jubilee Institute for Nurses."

A fund is being raised in the County of Devon called the "Devon Queen Victoria Commemoration Fund." It is proposed "that the fund be invested for the benefit of hospitals, infirmaries, and convalescent homes working in connection therewith in the county of Devon; the income thereof to be distributed as a council shall determine, due regard being had to the efficiency, the needs, the economy of management, and the existing subscriptions of the various institutions."

It is proposed to form a County Association for the Provision of Nurses, in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee, in the County of Roxburgh.

The friends of the County Tyrone Infirmary are endeavouring to raise £10,000 to rebuild this institution. Of this £4,000 has been subscribed, the old building is expected to bring £2,000, and a balance of £4,000 remains to be raised. The Duke and Duchess of Abercorn are among the largest contributors, and the Duchess has thrown her whole heart into the work.

Of the £100,000 required to build the Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast, £83,000 has already been received. This is due in a large measure to the energy of the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

The Russian Red Cross Society equipped and despatched a party to the seat of war. The party included two doctors, and twenty Sisters of Mercy. A qualified surgeon was in charge of the expedition, which took with it sufficient appliances and instruments to furnish a hospital of five hundred beds.

It is proposed to utilise the money obtained by the German Government for the Botanical Gardens in the Potsdam suburb in improving the State Hospital at Berlin. The authorities expect to make a profit of £300,000 after providing new gardens outside the town. It is noticeable that the improvements include a reduction in the number of beds. At present there are 1,824 cases under treatment, but in the future only 1,247 beds will be available.

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