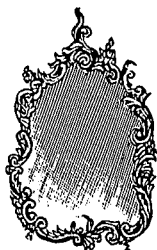


Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



ON Friday last, Princess CHRISTIAN opened the newly erected buildings adjoining the Hospital for Women, in Soho Square, which have been built to meet the increasing demand for out-door relief. The ceremony took place in the out-patients' department, which was tastefully decorated with choice plants. Among those occupying seats on the dais were the Duke and Duchess of Westminster, the Countess of Chichester, the Countess of Romney, the Duchess of Sutherland, Sir R. Quain, Sir Rutherford Alcock, Mr. J. W. Hulke (President of the Royal College of Surgeons), Lady Caroline Cust, Lady Elizabeth Knox, Colonel Gordon, Dr. Carter, and the Rev. C. Baxter. A Guard of Honour was furnished by a detachment of the 3rd London Rifles. Before leaving, the Princess inspected the dormitories of the nursing staff, together with the general arrangements of the Hospital, with which she expressed her approval. She was cordially greeted by a large crowd assembled in the square both on arrival and on driving away.

THE Duke of YORK presided at the Festival Dinner in aid of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, held at the Hôtel Métropole, on the 1st inst. In proposing the toast of the evening, "Success and Prosperity to St. Mary's Hospital," His Royal Highness said that fifty-two years ago this Hospital was founded to meet the wants of Paddington, West Marylebone, and North Kensington. The foundation stone was laid in 1845 by his grandfather, the Prince Consort. Since then it had ministered to the needs of many thousands of our suffering poor. He thought that a few facts about it would speak for themselves. Bed for bed, St. Mary's Hospital did more work than any general Hospital in London having a medical school attached to it; and the average cost per bed was under that of any of the large Institutions of a similar nature. But they were met with this difficulty. Our Hospitals were not able to keep pace with the rapid growth of London and the enormous increase of the population. Each in its turn had had to be enlarged, St. Mary's amongst the number; and they felt that there could no longer be any delay in bringing its wants to public notice. As President of the Hospital he felt some diffidence in making that appeal, lest his connection with the Institution might lead to a supposition that he was biased in its favour. Briefly, they wanted £7,000 to replace the sum which had had to be withdrawn from their funds to

meet the deficit incurred last year in their working expenses. They also wanted £12,000 to complete the sum necessary to build a new out-patient department, which was sorely needed, and which formed part of the New Clarence Memorial wing. These were their wants; and, while they acknowledged with great thankfulness the warm and hearty support they had ever received in the past, they asked all persons in the neighbourhood of Paddington, whose suffering poor found relief within these walls, to help the Hospital in its hour of need, in order that it might help those who were unable to help themselves—the poor and needy." Colonel BIRD, as chairman of the board of management, acknowledged the toast. Donations to the amount of £5,282, including 25 guineas from the chairman, were announced.

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MISS MAUD EVANS has been appointed Matron of the Croydon Borough Hospital; she was trained at Guy's Hospital, and has held the position of Matron to the Fever Hospital, Stockton-on-Tees.

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MISS BEATRICE A. SHARP has been selected as Matron to the East Cornwall Hospital, Bodmin; she was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Hull, and has held the position of Night Sister at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital.

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MISS CHRISTINA FORREST, late Lady Superintendent of the County Hospital, York, will shortly open a Hospital for paying patients at Bournemouth, in connection with which she intends to organize a Co-operation for Private Nurses. This is good news, as such a society under her able and sympathetic management, is certain of success. Sister DALES will accompany Miss FORREST as Home Sister.

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AT examinations lately held at the County Hospital, York, Probationers LAURA MARSH and MARY ADDAMS WITNEY gained first class certificates in Physiology, and Probationers FRANCES WEAKLEY, PHILIPPA KATE MARY SCOTT, CONSTANCE BORER, NORA GRIST, EMILY WILSON, and LILLIAN TRENDLE gained second class certificates.

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An earnest appeal is being made by the Committee of the North London or University College Hospital to enable them to continue the work of charity. The following facts prove the immense utility of this Hospital, which is acknowledged to be one of the best managed, and to possess the most brilliant medical staff in the metropolis:—

WITHOUT KITCHEN FIRE.—Hot Water instantly night or day. Boiling Water in a minute. Warm Bath when wanted. Ewart's "Lighting Geyser" Factory, 346-350, Euston Road. Immense stock of Plunge Baths on view in new Show Rooms. When gas is not laid on the "Geyser" may now be successfully worked with petroleum.

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