

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



A VALUED correspondent writes:—

“Flowers, lights, a good band, and a good floor, are popularly supposed to make up the average woman’s paradise. The City Fathers, with their proverbial hospitality, provided all these to the ‘fair women’ and their cavaliers at the Guildhall on Tuesday evening, when a delightful conversazione was given in honour of the members and delegates of the British Institute of Public Health who have been attending the Congress. A great many *notables* from the provinces were present, who danced with the right good will unknown in languid London; and their country daughters were as fresh as roses in spite of the festivities and rushing about entailed by the Congress programme. But then they are not suffering from the effects of the tiring London season, the ravages of whose late hours made many a town belle look very haggard by contrast with the blooming cheeks of country cousins. For those whose tastes and years made dancing an impossible delight, the students of the Guildhall School of Music made the echoes of the new council chamber ring with melody to which its every day experiences have not quite attuned it. It almost seemed as if the grave spirit of City politics was hovering round the gallery, half in protest against the invasion by frivolity and music of its serious stronghold. But the dancers danced on, and every one present enjoyed themselves immensely, and parted with loyal expressions of thanks to the Corporation of London for providing them with such a charming hospitality.”

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THE outbreak of smallpox in St. John’s Wood is rapidly subsiding. There were only five fresh cases up to Tuesday night, and seven removals on the previous day. The number of cases under treatment by the Board is now 203, of which 103 are on the *Atlas* and 87 on the *Endymion*, while there are six convalescing cases at Gore Farm. Fever patients continue to come in rapidly, and there were over 40 admissions on Tuesday and 71 on Monday, bringing the total number under treatment to 2,731.

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THE Cambridge County Council have taken a progressive step in appointing a woman—Miss Annesley Kenealy, Lecturer to the National Health Society—as their representative at the Liverpool Congress of Hygiene and Sanitation.

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THE LORD MAYOR presided at the Mansion House Meeting of the Council of the Hospital Sunday Fund.—The Annual Report of the Committee recommended awards to 182 Institutions, being one more than last year. The total sum available for distribution, after allowing for liabilities and the usual current expenses, was £41,800, and of that amount £39,865 was now recommended to 127 Hospitals and 55 Dispensaries. Five per cent. of the total collected, about £2,000, was set

apart to purchase surgical appliances. One Hospital in the recommendations had been marked “nil,” consequent on the very unsatisfactory condition of the wards, and the public complaints made against the professional staff and the general management. The largest awards were as follows: London Hospital, £3,545; Middlesex Hospital, £2,060; St. Mary’s Hospital, £2,012; King’s College Hospital, £1,485; Brompton Hospital for Consumption, £1,437; St. George’s and University College Hospitals, £1,293 each; Westminster Hospital, £1,054; and Charing Cross Hospital, £1,006.—Sir S. WATERLOW, in moving the adoption of the report, congratulated the meeting on the success of the fund this year—a success scarcely looked for, considering the great depression. Much of the increase was due to the munificent gift by Sir S. CROSSLEY. The work of the year had been more than usually trying, and in some respects it had been anxious. He regretted that he had had to join in an investigation as to the position of a Hospital in London; but it was the first time that such a scandalous case had come before them. The result had been that no award was made to that institution. He was glad to see that the whole of the staff had had notice to leave, and, therefore, they might look forward to a better state of things in future.—The Rev. J. F. KITTO seconded the motion, which was carried.

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A DISTINGUISHED company was present at the Royal Victoria Hospital, Netley, when Dr. WEIR MITCHELL presented the prizes awarded in the recent examinations. The following were the rewards for the British Medical Service, and prizes were awarded for marks gained in special subjects taught at the Army Medical School. The final positions of these gentlemen were determined by the marks gained in London, added to those gained at Netley, and the combined numbers thus appeared:—P. Evans, 5,400, the Montefiore Medal and prize of 20 guineas, with the Chaumont Prize in Hygiene; A. E. Milner, 4,734, Montefiore second prize; C. K. Morgan, 4,667; J. P. Silver, 4,633; H. Vaughan Williams, 4,596; J. M. Bunst, 4,576; J. Walker, 4,446; F. Dove, 4,340; G. St. C. Thom, 4,207; S. W. O. Sweetnam, 3,940. In the Indian Medical Service, G. Ramsey gained 5,804 points, winning the Martin Memorial Gold Medal; D. Sutherland, 5,690, the Herbert prize of £20, with the prize in pathology, and the prize in clinical medicine, presented by Surgeon General Maclean; W. Selby, 5,224, and the Parkes Memorial Bronze Medal; T. A. Granger, 4,828; S. J. Bamfield, 4,818; J. W. Grant, 4,691; A. H. Moorhead, 4,585; W. D. Hayward, 4,562; A. W. F. Russell, 4,436; V. B. Bennett, 4,404; W. Scott-Moncrieff, 4,310; S. M. Moore, 4,252; D. C. Johnstone, 4,218; and C. R. Pearce, 4,084.

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