

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE PRINCESS OF WALES, the Marchioness of Lorne, the Duchess of Teck, the Marchioness of Salisbury, the Duchess of Devonshire, Mrs. Leopold de Rothschild, and the Lady Mayoress have become Patronesses of a bazaar and fête to be held in May or June next in aid of the funds of the West London Hospital.

H.R.H. Princess Henry of Battenberg is the President of the Ryde District Nursing Institution, in which she takes much interest.

Sir John Williams, Bart., M.D., has been appointed Physician-Accoucheur to H.R.H. the Duchess of York, and Dr. Robert W. Burnet has been appointed Physician-in-Ordinary to H.R.H. the Duke of York.

Mr. W. S. Colman, M.D., M.R.C.P.Lond., has been appointed Assistant Physician to the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, Queen Square, *vice* Dr. J. R. Bradford, F.R.S., resigned.

Mr. George Cowell has retired from the surgery of the Westminster and Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, after twenty-seven and twenty-five years' service respectively.

At the last monthly meeting of the Medical Women's Association, Mrs. Garrett Anderson in the chair, very interesting papers were read by Mrs. Scharlieb, M.D., Miss Cock, M.D., and Miss Walker, M.D.

The Secretary of the British Home for Incurables has received £2 11s. 6d. from H.R.H. the Princess of Wales (Patroness of the Charity) being a further portion of part proceeds of the sale of Canon Fleming's Sermon "Recognition in Eternity," thus making a total of £696 11s. received from that source; also £21 from the Leathersellers' Company, £21 from the Clothworkers' Company (annual) and £3 3s. from the Dyers' Company. Candidates, either for the Home or the Pension, must make application without delay, as the list for the May election will be closed on March 12th next.

An ambulance belonging to the Metropolitan Asylums Board, conveying eleven scarlet-fever patients to Winchmore Hill last week, met with an accident resulting from a broken axle. The patients and the Nurse in charge fortunately escaped with no worse than a shaking, and natural alarm. Under the Contagious Diseases Act the patients could not be removed in cabs, and the nearest ambulance was at the Fulham depôt. So the patients remained where they were while the driver rode off on one of the horses to get the Fulham ambulance. The Nurse, meanwhile, procured some tea and biscuits, and an *al fresco* picnic of the patients was held until the arrival of the ambulance.

A Branch of the St. John's Hospital for Diseases of the Skin was opened on the 17th at Arlington House, Uxbridge Road. The new Institution contains forty beds.

At the Annual Meeting of the Royal National Hospital for Consumption at Ventnor, Mr. H. C. Richards, M.P., stated that the late Prince Henry of Battenberg was deeply interested in the Hospital during his lifetime, and he suggested that the inhabitants of the Isle of Wight should provide one of the proposed three new blocks of buildings by public subscription as a memorial to the late Prince. Lord Glenesk said that doubtless this suggestion would be taken in hand heartily by the residents of the Island.

The Committee of the Royal South Hants Infirmary are asking for £27,000, which sum is much needed to put the sanitation of the Infirmary into thorough condition, and to provide further accommodation for the patients and the medical and Nursing staffs.

Dr. Middlemiss has reported to the Darlington Board of Guardians that the result of the treatment of the insane in the Asylum does not seem to lead to an increased rate of recovery, and advised that the patients would do better if placed in smaller Institutions.

At the annual meeting of the subscribers to the Hahnemann Hospital and Homœopathic Dispensaries, Liverpool, the Lord Mayor announced that Mr. Henry Tate, who built the Hospital, had given £5,000 to its funds, to be invested for the maintenance of the charity.

There appears to be urgent necessity for a new Infirmary at Newcastle. The present building is very over-crowded, and numbers of patients have to sleep on forms, and, in addition, the applicants for admission largely exceed the number it is capable to provide with even this inadequate accommodation.

The Russian Government has assigned an annual grant equivalent to about £10,000 to the Medical School for Women in St. Petersburg. The City undertakes to provide another £2,400, and private subscription has raised an endowment fund of £70,000. Preliminary courses are already being given.

Those persons who feel tempted to take the law into their own hands and destroy Infectious Hospitals should take warning by the fate of the seven ring-leaders of the mob which set fire to the Small-pox Hospital, near Stroud. Each was sentenced to twelve months' hard labour.

Sir Donald Currie, M.P., will preside at the Annual Court of Governors of the Seamen's Hospital Society, to be held at noon on Friday, the 28th inst., at the offices of the Castle Line, 3 and 4, Fenchurch Street.

Messrs. Jeyes have just won their 84th award, in recognition of their admirable sanitary compounds, at the National Trades and Industrial Exhibition at Glasgow, which has just closed. A gold medal was given them for the excellency and high standard of all their preparations.

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