

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE PRINCESS OF WALES and her daughters went over the Alexandra Children's Hospital at Brighton on the occasion of their visit one day last week to the Duke and Duchess of Fife, who have a beautiful house in Kemp Town.

The Duchess of York has promised to open the Princess May children's ward of the Richmond Hospital,

which is rapidly approaching completion, and to receive purses towards the furnishing fund.

The Council of the British National Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded in War has voted the sum of £1,000 as a contribution for the benefit of the sick and wounded of the Italian troops in the operations of war in Abyssinia, and remitted the same through the Italian Ambassador to the President of the Italian Red Cross Society, in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Convention governing aid to sick and wounded in war.

The Committee of the Morley Convalescent Home, near Dover, have obtained permission to name the new day-room in the Home after Lady Aberdeen.

Lord Russell of Killowen has consented to preside at the Festival Dinner to be given on behalf of King's College Hospital at the Freemasons' Tavern on Tuesday, April 14th.

The Annual Meeting of the East End Mothers' Home was held on Tuesday at 3, Grosvenor Place (by kind permission of the Hon. W. F. D. Smith and Lady Esther Smith). Lord Medway took the chair. Dr. Champneys and the Rev. Canon Eyton were among the speakers. This is the only Maternity Hospital for the whole of the East End of London, which contains a population of 1,000,000. It was founded in 1884 by Violet, Lady Greville. Nurses are also sent out to do District Maternity work, the patients paying a sum of 3s. 6d. for attendance during lying-in. Fourteen midwifery and eighteen monthly Nurses were trained during 1895. Altogether the work done is of the utmost benefit to a most needy class. Help is needed to carry on the work, and subscriptions will be gratefully received by the Secretary, at 396, Commercial Road, E.

A Home has been opened by Miss Mosse at The Blanch House, S. Mimms, near Barnet, Herts., for the reception of patients of the better class during convalescence after scarlet fever. Girls are received up to 16 years of age and boys up to 12, and the fees are 30s. weekly.

Queen Charlotte's Hospital at Marylebone is badly in need of funds: new annual subscriptions especially being appealed for.

Dr. Alice McLaren has been appointed on the Dispensary Staff of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow.

A doctor writing on public exhibitions of hypnotism says: "The hypnotic performances which frequently disgrace our places of amusement are, to my mind, far more demoralising to the spectators than the ancient games of the Roman arena or the Spanish bull-fight. I believe, however, that in treatment hypnotism can be used with great effect in developing weak faculties, and calling latent powers into existence."

Appeals are being made to the Churches and public bodies of Southampton for funds for the proposed much-needed Woman's Hospital in that town. Collecting cards and boxes are also being distributed thoroughly, and it is hoped subscriptions will come in generously for so admirable a project.

A Bill has been introduced into the House of Commons to enable the old Leper Hospital of Waterford (Ireland) to be converted into a City and County Infirmary.

There has been much trouble at the Kidderminster Infirmary and Children's Hospital, because it appears that while the Nonconformists subscribe most liberally to the funds they have only one representative on a committee of twenty-four persons. At a late meeting several representatives who had been sent as delegates from working men's societies which subscribe generously, were refused their right to vote on the election of the Executive Committee. They promptly left the room and have been holding indignation meetings. Many leading citizens have sided with the working men.

At the annual meeting of the National Society for the Employment of Epileptics it was announced that the Education Department of the Government is thinking of dealing with epileptic children in the same way as deaf and dumb children are treated.

The Annual Report of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow, shows another year of admirable work. There is a deficiency in the sum required to carry on the Institution and additional annual subscriptions would be especially acceptable. The Ladies' Auxiliary Association does excellent service, and the system of collection from house to house is well organised and carried out.

The following table shows the cost of treatment compared with that of the previous year:—

	1894.	1895.
Average daily expenditure.. ..	£9 2 8.8	£9 17 2.6
" daily cost of each patient	0 3 0.7	0 3 0.5
" total cost of each patient treated	4 18 8.4	5 7 9.5
" cost of each cot for a year	55 17 9.7	55 10 5.7

An "anti-vaccinationist" of Hampstead, who was summoned on a charge of neglecting to have his child vaccinated, brought forward a novel argument when he contended that, "as against the body of a healthy man or a healthy child, Parliament had no right of assault whatever."

At the Birmingham County Court, an action was brought by Alfred Keegan, carpenter, against the Corporation of Birmingham to recover damages in respect of the neglect of the authorities in discharging from the City Fever Hospital a child who had not fully recovered from scarlet fever and who carried the infection home, with the result that another child lost his life. The jury awarded the plaintiff £50.

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