

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE PRINCESS OF WALES has promised to open a grand bazaar and fête, which is to be held in the new wing of the West London Hospital on Thursday, the 21st inst. A series of entertainments will be given by members of the Savage Club.

The Duke and Duchess of Fife have consented to visit Brighton on Tuesday, May 12th, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of the building now being erected for the accommodation of the Nurses belonging to the Royal Alexandra Hospital for Sick Children.

The Duke of Sutherland will preside over the Thirtieth Anniversary of Dr. Barnardo's Homes at the Royal Albert Hall on June 24th.

The Duke of Fife, though still suffering from his recent accident in the hunting field, presided at the Anniversary Dinner of the City Orthopaedic Hospital at the Holborn Restaurant. Subscriptions amounting to over £1,040 were announced in aid of the charity.

Messrs. N. M. Rothschild and Sons have sent fifty guineas to the Royal Chest Hospital, City Road, towards the fund being raised in connection with the festival dinner to be held at the Hôtel Métropole on May 26th.

We are glad to see that Dr. Lovell Drage, of Hatfield, is a candidate for direct representation of gentlemen in general practice upon the General Medical Council. Dr. Lovell Drage is excellently fitted for such responsibility, as he possesses an independent mind and the courage of his opinions, and though a young man, has already shown himself animated by disinterested devotion to the best interests of his profession. I am sure that the candidature of Dr. Lovell Drage will be warmly welcomed by his colleagues. Men of independent views are greatly needed on the General Medical Council, to push forward the reforms necessary in the further and more liberal organisation of matters medical.

Three prominent West End Clubs, the Bachelors', the Turf, and White's, have each contributed £1,000 towards endowing a bed to bear the name of the club, in Guy's Hospital. A whip is now going round the Carlton and the Reform with the same object. As the Prince of Wales has for a long time taken a special interest in Guy's, it is not improbable that the members of the Marlborough, His Royal Highness's favourite club, will also soon subscribe their quota.

At the meeting, on April 23rd, of the Hospitals Association, at which the Hon. Sydney Holland, Chairman of the Poplar Hospital for Accidents, and President of the Association, read a paper on "A

Central Body for the Supervision of London Hospitals," the resolution "That a central body for the supervision of London Hospitals is urgently needed," was negatived, and an amendment carried, "That it is desirable to ascertain the opinions of the governing bodies of the London Hospitals as to the desirability of appointing a central body for the supervision of these Institutions."

Mr. Braxton Hicks, the Coroner, informed a jury sitting at Lambeth, that early in the year he held an inquest at Wandsworth, in the course of which it transpired that the Metropolitan Asylums Board allowed two persons to visit the patients in their Hospitals every day, that no precaution was taken in the way of disinfection, and that the visitors, moreover, were permitted to sit by the bedside of the patients. When the friends left they went home in trams and other public conveyances, thus running the risk of spreading infection wherever they went. He had this week caused a question to be asked in the House of Commons of the President of the Local Government Board as to whether he could see his way to give effect to the recommendation of the jury by so altering the rules as to prevent such danger in future. He had not as yet heard what reply was made to the question, but the importance of the matter could not be over-estimated.

Mr. Lawson Tait, speaking at the opening of a new Cottage Hospital, presented by Mr. Passmore Edwards to the ancient little town of Liskeard, in Cornwall, asked those present to do their best to prevent the little Hospital from being used as a Medical Workhouse for the landed proprietors in the neighbourhood to send their servants to when they were ill.

Manchester has developed some original departures in the management of its Hospital Saturday Fund. This year the arrangements were for the first time placed under the control of the Red Cross Society, which is composed exclusively of working men, and its members, covering the work-people of about a hundred firms, make their contributions to the Saturday Fund at stated periods through the year, instead of in a single day. It is hoped by this method larger funds will be obtained.

The collectors of the Belfast Saturday Fund were last year regaled with an elaborate luncheon to refresh their weary energies and encourage them to fresh efforts at blarneying subscriptions from unwary passers-by. This year at the meeting, when details were arranged as to the plan of campaign, a reverend gentleman of the name of O'Hara wrote suggesting a bun and a cup of tea or coffee as constituting a sufficient meal for the collectors' lunch.

Mr. McAleer was more hospitable, but he agreed, and quite properly, that an elaborate luncheon was not necessary. But he thought some cold meat or sandwiches should be added to the tea and coffee, a suggestion which well meets the exigencies of the situation.

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From the sweet-scented Island of Ceylon.

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