

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



A DINNER in aid of the funds of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, was held on Tuesday evening in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole. Lord Charles Bruce, the President, took the chair, and the company included Mr. Hope Morley (the Treasurer), Mr. T. Andros de la Rue (Chairman of the Council), Mr. J. S. Gilliat, M.P., Sir J. Whittaker Ellis, Mr. Cosmo Bevan, Dr. Hensley, Mr. Frank Debenham, Dr. Schorstein, Dr. Oswald Browne, Mr. Howard Gilliat, and others interested in this useful charity. The Chairman, in proposing the toast of the evening, said that the Hospital had existed for more than eighty years, and was deserving of the support it had received during that period. It was established at a time when no Institution for the treatment of pulmonary diseases could be found in this country. Its sphere of usefulness had steadily increased, and as to the regard in which it was held by the poor of the surrounding neighbourhood there could be no doubt. For instance, fifty guineas had been sent to it by the Bethnal Green Working Men's Society. The attendance of out-patients last year reached a total of nearly 24,000, and the debts of the Hospital now amounted to £2,200. If this appeared to be a large sum, it should be remembered that the resources of the charity had been severely taxed. Donations to the amount of £3,440, including £350 from a lady who wished to be anonymous, were announced. Except on such an occasion some years ago, when the Prince of Wales presided, this is the highest sum yet received by the charity at a dinner.

The Corporation of the City of London have made a grant of fifty guineas in aid of Queen Charlotte's Lying-in Hospital, Marylebone, of which her Majesty the Queen is the patron.

It is reported from Berlin that they have succeeded in so improving the Röntgen tubes as to render it possible for the internal structure of the head, the larynx, and more especially the action of the respiratory organs and heart, to be observed direct on the screen.

At the Guy's Hospital festival dinner there will be two novel arrangements. First, that the names of all subscribers and amounts, instead of being read out, will be thrown in batches upon a screen from a magic lantern; and secondly, instead of having the usual continuous tables, there will be an arrangement of sixty smaller tables, each of which will seat eight guests. At the President's table twenty-one guests will be seated.

A course of ambulance lectures is now being given to the Indians at the India and Ceylon Exhibition at Earl's Court by Mr. S. Osborn. This being the first course of lectures given to Indians in England, it is hoped that one of the Princesses will present the certificates to those who are successful in passing the necessary examination at the end of the instruction.

## The Press on the Nursing Exhibition.

WE think our readers will be interested in the following extracts from what the press says about the Exhibition:—

The *Times* says:—"The idea of such an Exhibition is due to Dr. and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and, with the willing aid of a large number of Metropolitan and provincial Hospitals, a most representative and interesting collection of instruments, beds, clothing, and all the accessories inseparable from the successful performance of surgical operations and the treatment of diseases, has been brought together. These are excellently contrived, and most interesting and instructive, as illustrative of the latest scientific appliances for the treatment of a variety of casualties and diseases."

The *Daily Chronicle*, under the heading "Scientific Nursing," says:—"An Exhibition appealing especially to Nurses and medical men, but possessing many features of interest to the general public, was informally opened. The Exhibition owes its existence to the enterprise and energy of Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, formerly Matron of St. Bartholomew's, and is intended to promote scientific Nursing, while the proceeds, if any, will go to the funds of the Home of Rest at Brighton. Mrs. Fenwick was prompted to organise the Exhibition by the fact that many Nurses, even in London, only see special appliances in the departments in which they are engaged, while provincial Nurses naturally have a limited knowledge of the latest inventions for the cure and comfort of the sick. Nursing, as everyone knows, has undergone a revolution of late years, and those who visit St. Martin's Town Hall during the fortnight's duration of the Exhibition will see what wonderful appliances are at the command of the gentle Sisterhood who minister with such self-sacrificing devotion to frail mortals in the hour of trouble. Even to 'laymen' the exhibits will convey hints which may afterwards be used with advantage in the sick-room, and assuredly such an admirable collection of objects of utility to the trained Nurse will command the attention of members of the profession from all parts of the country."

The *Standard* says:—"There was opened yesterday, at St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross, a Nursing Exhibition, the first of the kind in the Metropolis, of everything connected with the science of Nursing as practised at the present time. There are two rooms in the Hall set apart for the show, and these are crowded with stalls containing exhibits of the latest inventions for the cure of those diseased, surgical appliances fitted to patients lying in cots, bags fitted with all the necessary equipment of an accomplished Nurse, and foods specially prepared for the use of patients. Mrs. Fenwick is the organiser of the Exhibition, and she has been seconded in the work by Dr. Bedford Fenwick and by many ladies identified with the new school of Nursing. The Exhibition remains open for a fortnight."

The *Daily Telegraph* says:—"The display has been organised by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and a committee of ladies, with the primary purpose of assisting the Brighton 'Home of Rest,' which has afforded holidays and care in convalescence to upwards of twelve hundred Nurses since its establishment. The

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