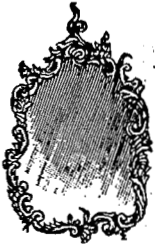


Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE PRINCESS OF WALES has intimated her intention of visiting, during this month, St. Mary's Hospital, the festival dinner in aid of which took place on Wednesday, with Sir William Broadbent, Bart., M.D., in the chair.

Princess Christian will be the principal stall-holder at a bazaar and sale of work which is to be held under the patronage of the Queen in the Chapter Gardens at Windsor Castle on July 6th and 7th, in aid of the funds of the Windsor and Eton branch of the Young Women's Christian Association. Her Royal Highness will be assisted by the Hon. Mrs. Eliot and other ladies.

His Royal Highness the Duke of Cambridge has expressed his intention of being present at the Congress of the Sanitary Institute at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and has consented to open the Health Exhibition in connection with it on September 2nd.

At the annual general meeting held on Friday, the 29th ultimo, Sir Arthur Watson, Bart., Q.C., and the Right Hon. A. J. Balfour, M.P., were elected Vice-Presidents of the Royal Medical Benevolent College.

Lord Amherst of Hackney has given £100 towards the completion of the purse of £1,000 which, started by the Duke of Westminster with a similar donation in aid of the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, is to be presented to the Duchess of Connaught at the Rose fête at Queen's Hall on the 23rd inst.

The Goldsmith's Company have made a grant of £50 to the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, Bagshot, for necessitous children.

The new Duchess of Marlborough is simply overwhelmed with requisitions from Boards of Managers to open bazaars in aid of their Hospitals. She is astonished at the number of bazaars English people hold.

The proceeds of the second Annual Show of the Ladies' Kennel Association, held in the grounds of Holland House, Kensington, on June 11th and 12th, will be devoted to the West London Hospital and the National Home for Crippled Boys.

A new feature was introduced in Hospital Saturday at Birmingham. In addition to the collecting stations and a house-to-house visitation by seven Nurses and fifty-three other ladies, there were three flower stalls in the streets, the flowers being gifts, and the proceeds of the sale added to the fund. The wards of the Guest Hospital were also open to visitors, a small charge being made for admission.

The Mallow Board of Guardians, in offering £12 to the Nurse of the male idiots, is placing a rather low value on his services.

"H. L." writes to the *Times* calling attention to the fact that the highest sum yielded by collections in places of worship in one year for this fund—nearly £39,000—represents about nine farthings per head of the 4,200,000 inhabitants of London.

The Chiswick District Council being desirous of erecting a much-needed Infectious Hospital, applied to the Duke of Devonshire for land on which this might be built. The Duke has asked £2,000 per acre, which is perfectly prohibitive. He states that he wishes to keep up the value of his property.

At an inquest before Mr. Wynne Baxter on the body of a woman who committed suicide by drowning, some severe strictures were passed both by coroner and jury on the fact that when the woman was rescued from the water she was refused treatment and admission at the Poplar Hospital, and sent on to the Bromley Sick Asylum, where the doctor attended to her. The fact that the Poplar Hospital is for the treatment of male cases is no excuse for a refusal to admit so urgent a case as one of drowning—even though the patient was a woman. Accident has no sex, and the woman should have been attended to as "a case." We hope the Committee will take steps to prevent a recurrence of such a circumstance.

We would advise any of our readers who are interested in Hospitals other than their own to take the first opportunity of visiting the one worked by the Mildmay Deaconesses in Bethnal Green. The Hospital is buried in the slums behind Shoreditch Church, and is not easy to find. Once inside the walls, however, its bright, trim cleanliness is a pleasant contrast to the squalor which surrounds it. There are fifty beds in all for men, women, and children. There is a large out-patient department also, the dispensing being in the hands of a qualified lady dispenser. Perhaps it is for this reason that there is an air of homely comfort and attention to detail about the place which is conspicuous by its absence for the most part in the Dispensaries which are officered by the sterner sex. Each bottle seems to have received individual care, and to shine its brightest.

In the wards a conspicuous feature is the dado of white and blue tiles; both from a hygienic and artistic point of view the result is delightful. The walls of the wards, up to a level with the heads of the bedsteads, are each week washed by the wardmaids; beyond this the walls and ceiling of two out of the three wards are also periodically washed, and look charmingly fresh and clean. All the arrangements of the wards are thoroughly up to date, and the bath in the children's ward with a covered lid, and with hot and cold water laid on, which is fixed in a corner close to the fire, is particularly nice, and there are many other ingenious devices. The Hospital was well represented at the Nursing Exhibition. It sent in, amongst other things, a locker specially devised by Miss Goodwyn (the Lady Superintendent) a portable district tent, a safety steam kettle, and other things. But it is impossible to convey an adequate idea of the excellencies of this Hospital in a verbal description. We can assure any who are inclined to penetrate into the wilds of Bethnal Green that they will be well repaid for their visit.

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