

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE QUEEN has sanctioned the following appointments to the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England:—Knight of Justice, His Royal Highness Prince Christian Frederick Charles George Waldemar Axel of Denmark; Ladies of Grace, Mary Jessie Cely, Mrs. Roger Duke, and Harriet Julia Lady Jephson; Esquire, Roger Duke, Esq.

On Thursday, the 18th inst., Princess Christian, attended by Miss Emily Loch, visited the North London Hospital for Consumption at Hampstead, and there unveiled a tablet over the "Elizabeth Rundle Charles memorial bed," which bed has been endowed by friends in memory of the deceased authoress of "Chronicles of the Schonberg-Cotta Family" and other well-known works. There was a large attendance of the subscribers to the fund. Over the mantelpiece in the ward was a bookcase containing presentation copies of many of Mrs. Rundle Charles's works, and Her Royal Highness handed the key of the bookcase to Miss Katharine Elphick, M.R.B.N.A., the Matron of the Hospital. On the motion of Mr. Miles MacInnes, seconded by Mr. Hugh M. Matheson, a hearty vote of thanks was awarded to the Princess.

The Secretary of the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Regent's Park, states that this Institution is in great need of Christmas and New Year's gifts to provide it with £1,000 for the continuance of the labours of the thirty-first year of its existence. The Managers of this excellent little Hospital are anxious to extend its field of usefulness by building a new Hospital, when funds come to hand for the purpose.

A gentleman has promised to give £500 to the University College Hospital if nine others will promise the same amount or £100 each per annum for five years. This offer has no connection with the recent promise of £800 if £4,200 is collected by the middle of February next.

The Middlesex Hospital has received the sum of £100 from the executor of the late Sir David Sassoon. The Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, and the London Orphan Asylum have also received the same sum.

The Hon. W. F. D. Smith has promised £200 yearly for five years towards the special appeal fund of £100,000 now being raised in aid of the maintenance and improvement of Charing Cross Hospital. Another friend of the Hospital has promised £1,000, provided nine other similar amounts are promised before June 20th next.

The Goldsmith's Company have granted £100 to the Royal Medical College in aid of the funds for pensioners and foundation scholars.

The Girdler's Company last week distributed the sum of £510 in donations to various Hospitals and other charitable Institutions in London and its vicinity.

Sir Edward Sassoon has sent a donation of £100 to the funds of the Jewish Convalescent Home.

The work of "Levana," Mrs. Jack Johnson, in connection with the Children's Salon, has been remarkably successful, and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar opened the fifth annual Sale of Work organised in connection with the Salon at the Westminster Town Hall last Thursday week. Her Highness was received by "Levana," the President, and others interested in the good work. Mr. J. S. Wood, in asking the Princess to declare the sale open, stated that the Children's Salon was established about five years ago. It was composed of associates, members, and graduates, who were the children of the rich in all parts of the United Kingdom, the colonies, and abroad, and who worked with pen, pencil, and needle for the children of the poor. Already some £2,000 or £3,000, derived entirely from the children's work, had been expended upon the endowment, in perpetuity, of cots in the Victoria Hospital for Children and the North-West London Hospital. The first of these was dedicated to the late Duke of Clarence, and the second to Princess Christian, one of the patrons. The organisation was now devoting its energies to establishing an emergency fund in connection with the London Schools Dinner Association, to provide food for poor half-starved school children during the winter, and to that object the entire proceeds of the present sale would be devoted. The sum of £100 had been already handed over to the Association as the nucleus of a "Permanent Endowment Fund." We are glad to hear the sale was a great success.

Columns are appearing daily in the Manchester press on the much disputed question of the rebuilding of the Royal Infirmary, and the Health Workers of the city have passed the following Resolution: "That this special meeting of the Executive of the Manchester and Salford Sanitary Association and the Ladies' Health Society views with alarm the proposal of the Royal Infirmary extension, and desires to urge on the City Council and the trustees of the Infirmary the strongest opposition to the contemplated encroachment on the present open space."

We are quite in sympathy with those who estimate at its true value the benefit to the community of open spaces in cities, but why is the Infirmary property alone to be reserved for the general good? We are glad to observe that "W. Owen" proposes, in the *Manchester Guardian*, what we suggested in the RECORD some weeks ago, that some portion of the surrounding ugly streets should be demolished, and that, by this means, a sufficient open space would be left, thus leaving the Infirmary Trustees to erect a suitable new Hospital on their own land, which the present building does not cover. Manchester folks have, no doubt, a long head for business, but they cannot eat their cake and have it too.

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