

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES has consented to open the Charing Cross Hospital Convalescent Home at Limpsfield, Surrey, on Saturday, the 11th inst., at noon.

The Duke and Duchess of York spent several hours at the Middlesex Hospital on the occasion of the fête to celebrate the opening of the Convalescent Home at Clacton-on-Sea.

The Duchess wore a white silk and white chiffon dress, studded with silver, and both she and the Duke visited the Princess May Ward, and spent some time strolling round the grounds viewing the various attractions provided. It was announced that the total sum realised from the fête, including subscriptions, was £4,150.

The Duchess of Teck will open the annual fancy sale of the Brabazon Employment Society, in the work-room of Paddington Workhouse, Harrow-road, on Saturday, July 18th, at 3.30. The Brabazon scheme was founded some years ago by the Countess of Meath for providing pleasant occupation for the aged and infirm inmates of workhouses and infirmaries. It has been in operation in Paddington Workhouse since 1886, when Lady Meath gave a grant of £30 to start the work. Since then the scheme has greatly enlarged and improved. No articles are sold at the sale except those actually made within the walls of the workhouse.

The fête in aid of Lady Dufferin's Fund for supplying medical aid to the women of India was opened by Lady Dufferin, who made a charming little speech. She said they had just heard from Burma that a priest at a Buddhist festival had urged that alms should be given to this Fund, and had characterised it as a good and noble work. Sir A. Wilson, the treasurer to the fund, said that during ten years seventy Hospitals had been established, and 3,000,000 women assisted. Over 200 female medical students were at present in training in different colleges and universities of India.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held at Carlisle on the last four days of July, 1896.

The annual election of members of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons was held on Thursday, 2nd July. The vacancies were occasioned by the retirement in rotation of Mr. William Cadge, F.R.C.S.Eng., of Norwich, Mr. Thomas Bryant, and Mr. Thomas Pickering Pick, the first-named gentleman not being a candidate for re-election. There were eight candidates for the three vacancies. The successful candidates were Mr. Thomas Bryant, F.R.C.S.Eng., of Guy's Hospital, with 291 votes; Mr. John Neville Colley Davies-Colley, F.R.C.S.Eng., of Guy's Hospital, with 254 votes; and Mr. Thomas Pickering Pick, F.R.C.S.Eng., of St. George's Hospital, with 238 votes.

Great interest is already being aroused in the medical profession upon the subject of the election of Direct Representatives to fill the three vacancies on the General Medical Council—the election for which takes place in November. The Committees of the Lancashire and Cheshire Branch of the British Medical Association have nominated Dr. J. G. Glover, London; Dr. Woodcock, J.P., of Manchester; and Dr. Lovell Drage of Hatfield.

The Incorporated Medical Practitioners' Association are going to take a preliminary poll in order to select the candidates to whom the support of the Association should be given. This appears an eminently fair arrangement. Corporations, as a rule, have a tendency to a secretive method of management by an inner ring—which is as objectionable as it is often unjust. We are glad to see that this important Medical Society is working on fresh and liberal lines.

Throughout London on Saturday there was a street collection on behalf of the Hospital Saturday Fund. Boxes were distributed over 2,500 stations, and the collections were made by some 5,000 ladies and children from passers by. The collection is expected to realise about £5,000. Besides the yearly street collection, the Fund has a staple income from factories and workshops, where the penny-a-week system is in vogue. The money thus collected has been distributed amongst 174 Institutions. In the evening the workers in the E.C. and W.C. districts were entertained at tea at the Drill Hall of the 2nd Middlesex Volunteers in Farringdon Street.

The Corporation of the City of London have made a grant of fifty guineas to the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Regent's Park.

At the annual festival dinner of the Poplar Hospital for Accidents subscriptions were announced during the evening amounting to £2,953.

Mr. Peter Coats, director of the Paisley Thread Works, has handed over to the directors of the Paisley Infirmary a Home for Nurses, which he has built at his own expense. The building is three storeys in height and is handsomely furnished. It has cost £8,000. Mr. Peter Coats has also been a generous contributor to the new Paisley Hospital, which is being erected at a cost of £72,000, of which he has personally provided about £20,000.

The recent three days' fête in Hanworth Park on behalf of Guy's Hospital Fund realised close upon £1,200.

With regard to the refusal of several Boards of Guardians to prosecute parents for the non-vaccination of their children, the following letter has been sent out from the Local Government Board:—"Guardians have no legal right whatever to suspend action for the enforcement of the law as to vaccination, pending the issue of the report of the Royal Commission, and by neglecting to take such action they incur a very serious responsibility."

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