

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE QUEEN has sent a donation of £10 to the funds of the Mary Wardell Scarlet Fever Convalescent Home, Stanmore, Middlesex.

The Duchess of York has sent the Children's Happy Evenings Association, of which she is president, a large number of toys and scrap-books, which have been distributed among the thirty-five branches to be used

by the poor children at the "Happy Evenings" during the winter.

Princess Louise, Marchioness of Lorne, has consented to be present at the Christmas entertainment to be given to the sick children in the Victoria Hospital for Children on Friday, January 8th.

Princess Louise, during her visit to the new Free Ear and Eye Hospital at Southampton, recently, received purses from contributors to the building fund, £180 being collected.

Not the least gratifying incident of Christmas at the Hospital for Epilepsy and Paralysis, Regent's Park, was the presentation to the Matron, Miss Miriam Ridley, of a set of dessert knives and forks from the Nursing staff. We understand further that the inmates had an exceptionally bright and enjoyable Christmas, which was greatly appreciated by all concerned.

Mr. Bancroft has kindly promised to give his reading of Dickens's "Christmas Carol" in aid of the funds of University College Hospital at the Steinway, Hall, Lower Seymour Street, on Thursday evening February 4th.

The executor of the late Sir Albert Sassoon has given £50 to the North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, Shoreditch, and a like sum to the Brompton Consumption Hospital.

The Hon. Sydney Holland made an effective speech at the conclusion of the Christmas festivities at the London Hospital on Monday, when the annual Christmas Tree entertainment was held in the Children's Wards. Mr. Holland pointed out the absolute necessity for such a general Hospital in that quarter of London, as it was the only place open to the immense population in that part. During the year no fewer than 2,549 children under twelve years of age had been admitted, whilst the total number of patients admitted in the same period was 10,599. Only the most severe cases could be admitted, and funds were sorely needed to enable the committee to maintain the present great efficiency of the charity, and if, through lack of funds, any of the wards had to be closed, it would, without doubt, be a calamity to East London. While the expenditure was bound to exceed £60,000 per annum, only £46,000 a year was received from invested funds. The public could rely that the money received was carefully and economically spent in doing good amongst those who absolutely needed help.

Amongst those to send gifts were the Editor of *Truth*, and Messrs. Debenham & Freebody, of Wigmore Street.

At an Examination for Inspectors of Nuisances, in connection with the Sanitary Institute, held in London on Friday and Saturday, December 4th and 5th, 1896, 134 candidates presented themselves. Eighty-three candidates were certified, as regards their sanitary knowledge, competent to discharge the duties of Inspectors of Nuisances, amongst whom were the following ladies:—Mrs. Emma Laura Connor, Miss Bella Deyns, Miss Enone Dobson, Miss Gulielma Harlock, Miss Rose Anne Hobson, Miss Annie Hart, Miss Hilda Martindale, Miss Millicent M. Pole, Miss Dora M. Ransom, Miss Sarah J. Sibley, Miss Anna Tracy.

An excellent new departure has been inaugurated at University College Hospital, by which the patients of Medical Practitioners can avail themselves of the complete variety of baths in use in connection with the Institution. This arrangement will be of the very greatest benefit to the public. The fees range from 1s. to 3s. 6d. per bath. The Hospital is provided with baths of the following description:—*Simple*: alkaline, acid, bran, cold, douche, needle, Turkish, size, warm. *Medicinal*: fumigation for arm, fumigation for leg, itch treatment (lime and sulphur), iodine vapour, iodine, mercurial fumigation, sulphuret of potassium, sulphur vapour, treatment for pediculi, vapour (steam).

As usual at this season, the various wards of the Royal Orthopædic Hospital were decorated for Christmas, the material for which had been kindly supplied by a member of the medical staff. On Tuesday evening, the 22nd inst., an entertainment was given to the patients and Nurses by the Tudor Black-and-White Minstrels (members of the staff of Messrs. D. H. Evans & Co., of Oxford Street), under the direction of Mr. W. H. Harris, consisting of choruses, songs, banjo solos, &c., interspersed by capital and highly-amusing jokes, which caused much laughter with the juveniles. The programme concluded with a Christmas Carol, rendered in good style by the whole troupe. Miss A. Percival acted as accompanist, and the piano was kindly lent by the firm. On Christmas Day each patient received a present through the kindness of a member of the Committee, and the usual Christmas fare was provided. In the evening the patients met together in the Victoria Ward and had high tea.

The result of the poll of the Trustees of the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, on the proposal of the Infirmary Board to pull down the present building, and erect another on the site, according to plans already fixed, was declared on Tuesday, the 29th inst. The voting was as follows:—

Voting papers issued ...	...	...	1,349
Number returned ...	...	...	853
Trustees who did not vote ...	...	...	496
Votes in favour of rebuilding...	...	...	449
Votes for re-consideration ...	...	...	403
Majority for re-building...	...	...	46

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