

**Reflections**

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE receipts on account of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund are now:—Annual subscriptions, £19,535; donations, £112,579; commuted subscriptions for investment, £19,997.

The *Times* states that an illustrated programme of the Royal Jubilee procession, authorised by the Prince of Wales, will be published in aid of his Royal Highness's Hospital Fund for London, to which the entire profits will be devoted. The programme will contain detailed particulars of the procession, and 64 pages of illustrations will run throughout the pamphlet, with descriptive letterpress underneath. It will be published at 1s., and will be on sale four or five days before the day fixed for the procession, and will form not only an illustrated guide, but an interesting memento of the day.

The Convalescent Home of the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic, which was opened at East Finchley, last Wednesday, by the Duchess of Albany, has been erected and furnished at a cost of £10,000. It will be opened free of debt. The home contains forty beds, and the increased cost of maintenance over that of the old Institution will be over £1,000 a year. The home is for women and children, suffering from certain forms of epilepsy, hysteria, and kindred affections. Experience has proved that these are capable of improvement, and even cure, and that the benefit of treatment is materially increased by its being carried out under conditions in which fresh air and exercise are obtainable.

The Duke of Fife recently presided at the annual meeting of the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street. He made a strong appeal for an increased number of subscriptions, as being absolutely essential if the hospital was to continue its good work. The ordinary income of the hospital was £10,157, while the expenditure amounted to £14,011. Mr. A. Lucas, Chairman of the Committee of Management, stated that important economies had been effected in the management of the hospital, and especially that abuses in the out-patient department had been successfully checked.

The Duke of Fife said that it would be only right that those present should vote an address to the Queen, "not only because she was a patron of the hospital, but because she was an example to the whole world of womanly sympathy with every kind of suffering." A motion was proposed by Mr. Arthur Lucas, seconded by Mr. John Murray, Vice-Chairman, and carried that an address should be presented to Her Majesty.

The foundation stone of a Cottage Hospital for Acton has been laid by Lady Rothschild. The large plot of land on which the hospital is to be built has been given by Lord Rothschild and Mr. Leopold de Rothschild, and Mr. Passmore Edwards has subscribed £2,500 towards the building fund. The architect of the building is Mr. Charles Bell.

The following letter has been addressed to the *Times*:—

"SIR,—May we once more ask your kind hospitality to draw attention to the Queen's Commemoration Fund, the national subscription on behalf of the Queen's Jubilee Institute for Nursing the Poor in their own homes?"

The fund, which was started early in the year, has now reached a total of over £50,000, or about one-half of the sum which we estimate to be necessary to place the institute on a footing of permanent usefulness.

We feel sure, among the many visitors from our colonies and from various countries who are crowding to London to participate in the national rejoicing of this memorable year, that there are many who would be glad of an opportunity to express in some practical way the enthusiasm which has provoked this unique demonstration.

We would venture, therefore, to ask them to consider the claims upon their benevolence of this, the only fund applicable to the whole country.

It may be interesting to recall once more the fact that it was Her Majesty who started this fund during the year of her Jubilee, and that she has always manifested the deepest interest in its wellbeing and its work.

We therefore confidently appeal to the generosity of our friends from over the seas to help the consolidation of this truly national undertaking.

Subscriptions of any amount will be thankfully received and acknowledged if sent to 'Queen's Commemoration Fund,' 64, Cannon Street, London, E.C.

We are, yours faithfully,  
WESTMINSTER, Chairman.  
SYDNEY HOLLAND, Hon. Treasurer.  
HAROLD BOULTON, }  
ERNEST FLOWER, } Hon. Secretaries.

64, Cannon Street, London, E.C.  
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The late Mrs. Ellen H. Harris has bequeathed £1,000 to the Throat Hospital, Golden Square.

Sir Blundell Maple, M.P., has erected at Harpenden a "Maple Convalescent Home" for the temporarily invalided amongst those employed in the great house in Tottenham Court Road, as well as almshouses and homes of rest for the aged employes. Besides giving the site and erecting the Convalescent Home and the Homes of Rest, and entirely furnishing the Convalescent Home, Sir Blundell Maple is also investing a large sum towards their endowment.

The value of Southall's Antiseptic Towels and Sheets are, we hope, known to all our readers, and especially to those engaged in obstetric or gynaecological work. We have, on various occasions, expressed the high opinion in which we hold these appliances after prolonged and practical tests of their special merits. Our readers will doubtless have observed the remarkable offer recently made by Messrs. Southall Brothers & Barclay in our advertisement columns to give many valuable prizes in a competition open to nurses only. The results of the competition are now published in this issue, and we are glad to observe that most of the successful prize winners are numbered amongst our subscribers and correspondents. We congratulate them heartily on their success.

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