

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



HER MAJESTY has been graciously pleased to direct that the Institution recently formed under an Act of Parliament which amalgamated St. Mark's Ophthalmic Hospital, Lincoln Place, and the National Eye and Ear Infirmary, Molesworth Street, shall be called the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin. Under the Act the life and annual members of the Institution become an incorporated body, which is annually to elect a council for the management of the Institution, the first council being named in the Act. As soon as possible now the council will obtain a site and build a new hospital, in which the two present hospitals will be actually united. Until then these Institutions will continue to do their work as hitherto under the control of one council. There is a substantial sum available towards the new building, but as this must necessarily be a very large one, much more money will be required than the amount in hand. The council intend that the new building shall be in all respects worthy of its object and of the traditions of the hospitals it will replace.

The subscribers to the American Victoria Jubilee Fund are informed that the lists for endowing beds in hospitals are now closed, and that the total obtained amounts to more than £4,300. The surplus to be given to the Prince of Wales' Fund will remain open for the present.

Princess Louise has promised to visit Paisley to open the Nurses' Home there, erected by the Peter Coats Trustees. It is probable that Her Royal Highness will make the visit, accompanied by the Marquis of Lorne, in the late autumn.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. Fisher) has had the pleasure of receiving a communication from the Hon. Colonel Eliot, intimating that Her Royal Highness Princess Christian, in response to the request of the Committee, has graciously consented for one of the wards in the new hospital to be named after Her Royal Highness, in commemoration of her visit to Birmingham, as representing Her Majesty the Queen, to open the hospital on the 7th ult.

The foundation-stone of a new hospital at Portsmouth was laid last week by the Duke and Duchess of Connaught.

The Hospital Sunday Fund Council have met and distributed the £39,705 collected on June 20th last in over 2,000 places of worship. The sum was about £2,000 less than the total distributed last year. It was mentioned that during the past 25 years £913,000 had been given to the hospitals of London through the agency of the fund. Sir Sydney Waterlow took the chair in the absence of the Lord Mayor. The London

Hospital get £3,937 10s., Guy's £1,312 10s., St. George's £1,356 5s., and St. Mary's £1,706 5s. Donations were made to 132 hospitals and 256 dispensaries.

The Grocers' Company has sent a donation of £1,000 towards the funds of the London Hospital.

The Fishmongers' Company have sent a donation of 50 guineas to the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road.

For the third year in succession the Jacksonian Prize of the Royal College of Surgeons, for an essay founded on original research on some surgical topic, has been carried off by a young surgeon of St. Bartholomew's. It has been awarded to Mr. R. C. Bailey for his essay on "Diseases of the Prostate."

Dr. Hinchcliffe, of Dewsbury, has left £50,000 to the cause of higher education. Who will do likewise to found the future College of Nursing?

The preliminary programme of the Sixteenth Congress of the Sanitary Institute, to be held in Leeds, from September 14th to 18th, has now been issued. The president of the Congress is Robert Farquharson, M.D. Edinburgh, LL.D. Aberdeen, F.R.C.P. Lond.; M.P., D.L., J.P. The Congress will include three General Addresses and Lectures. Three Sections meeting for two days each, dealing with (1) Sanitary Science and Preventive Medicine, presided over by T. Pridgin Teale, M.A., M.B. (Oxon), F.R.C.S., F.R.S.; (2) Engineering and Architecture, presided over by Lewis Angell, M.Inst. C.E., F.R.I.B.A.; (3) Chemistry, Meteorology, and Geology, presided over by Wm. Whitaker, B.A., F.G.S., F.R.S. Six Special Conferences: River Pollution, presided over by Major Lamorock Flower, Sanitary Engineer, Lee Conservancy Board; Municipal Representatives, presided over by Councillor B. Womersley, Chairman of the Sanitary Committee, Leeds City Council; Medical Officers of Health, presided over by Edward Seaton, M.D., F.R.C.P.; F.C.S.; Municipal and County Engineers, presided over by Thomas Hewson, M.Inst., C.E.; Sanitary Inspectors, presided over by Peter Fyfe, F.R.S.E.; Domestic Hygiene. In connection with the Congress a Health Exhibition of Apparatus and Appliances relating to Health and Domestic use will be held. It appears from the programme that over 300 societies, including several County Councils, have already appointed delegates to the Congress, and, as there are also over 2,000 members and associates in the institute, there will probably be a large attendance in addition to the local members of the Congress.

The David Lewis Trustees have generously come to the aid of the Liverpool Jubilee scheme, and have offered to erect a central building, to serve as the Home and administration offices for district nurses. The fund for nursing the poor in their own homes has not been generously supported by the citizens of Liverpool, but now that they are to have a "visible memorial" in bricks and mortar it is expected that further subscriptions will be speedily forthcoming.

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