

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Queen, who is the patron of the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, in the City Road, has contributed £25 to the festival dinner fund.

Lord Cromer, the British Diplomatic Agent, laid the foundation stone of the Diamond Jubilee branch of the Victoria House, a home for nurses, on the 14th inst, at Alexandria.

The Lord Mayor has accepted an invitation to preside at the forty-seventh anniversary festival of the City Orthopædic Hospital, Hatton-garden, on the 28th inst.

The London Hospital has received, in response to the special appeal now being made in-aid of the Maintenance Fund, donations of £500 from "Anonymous," £500 from "J. A. F.," £100 from Mr. C. E. N. Charrington, £100 from Lord Grimthorpe, £105 from Mrs. Graham Robertson, £200 from "E.M.G.," Brighton, and several others of £100 and £50.

Details of the will of the late Mr. Alfred Morrison, include the statement that "not a single charity is remembered out of a personalty of £861,387." Even the county hospital, which most fairly affluent country gentlemen remember in their wills, gets nothing.

Baron Von Schröder, the treasurer, of the German Hospital at Dalston, presided at the fifty-third annual banquet in aid of the funds held in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hotel Metropole. The first German Hospital in London was founded on Waterloo Day, 1845, and in the October of that year it was formally opened by the Duke of Cambridge. This building, however, was too small for the admirable work carried on within its walls, so it was pulled down, and a new hospital was in 1865, erected at a cost of £20,000. Various alterations and improvements have lately been made, and to defray the expenditure the committee have been compelled to part with some of the reserve funds, with the result that the hospital is now more than ever dependent upon the support of the German community in London.

The secretary announced a subscription list of £3,020, which included £200 from the German Emperor £50 from the Emperor of Austria, £100 from the Chairman, and £100 from Mr. Julius Werner. When the numerous stewards' lists had been read, Mr. Bruno Schröder rose and said he had a pleasant surprise for those present. The Chairman had referred to the large sums which had been spent in improving the hospital. Several supporters had, therefore, started a special fund to defray these expenses, and he was gratified to be able to announce subscriptions amounting to £3,335, including £500 from Baron Schröder and £500 from Mr. Julius Werner. This unexpected statement was received with hearty applause. Later the chairman's health was drunk with great enthusiasm, and was followed by "Hoch, soll er leben."

The members of the "Children's Salon," a Society which owes its existence largely to the energy of Mrs. Jack Johnson, held a most successful entertainment on Saturday last at the Westminster Town Hall. In the course of its short life of seven years, this organisation has raised by its own unaided efforts between £4,000 and £5,000, which has been devoted to the endowment of cots in childrens' hospitals, poor childrens' dinner funds, and the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Nursing Institute. Such a result must be most encouraging to those who have worked hard to make the Children's Salon a success. Saturday's entertainment included a series of competitions in singing, piano and violin playing, literature, recitation, art, and skirt dancing, before experienced judges, the prize winners being Miss Phyllis Broughton and Miss Kitty Loftus.

In contrast to the parsimony exhibited by Mr. Alfred Morrison, the will of Miss Louisa Da Costa, of Brighton, is a relief. Amongst her charitable bequests are £1,000 to the Orphan Asylum at Clapton, £1,000 to the Society for the Employment of the Blind; the Cancer Hospital at Brompton, £1,000; the Hospital at Brompton for Consumption, £1,000; and the National Lifeboat Institution, £1,000. The residue of her personal estate the testatrix leaves in trust for the following hospitals in equal shares:—St. George's, St. Mary's, and the Convalescent at Walton-on-Thames. The three latter are likely to absorb £25,000. As to her real estate, the testatrix directs that that situated in Adelaide, South Australia, shall be left to the governor of the colony, for the purpose of establishing a fund for the benefit of convalescent patients of the Adelaide Hospital. The amount of personalty has been proved at £64,360.

We observe with much satisfaction that Doctor von Bruns has been urging the German Government to take steps to bring about an agreement amongst European Powers to use in warfare small calibre weapons, supplied with bullets either entirely covered with lead or having the points protected with this metal. The subject was brought forward in a paper entitled, "Inhuman Weapons of War," read by Dr. von Bruns, at the German Surgical Congress, at Wiesbaden. The lecturer stated that he had made a number of experiments on dead bodies, or portions of them, with the bullets supplied to the British troops during the recent campaign in the North-West of India. He describes the effect of these bullets as fearful, and quite incapable of exaggeration. Not only are the bones, but the flesh as well, torn and splintered in all directions. In the opinion of Doctor Von Bruns, a bullet should render the enemy unfit not mutilate him as well. In this view he will receive doubtless the support of all humane people.

Plague has broken out in sixty-three villages in the Punjab, and upwards of twelve hundred deaths have already occurred.

The Scientific Alliance of New York, a body which aims at the mutual benefit of all the American scientific societies, is about to erect a handsome building as its headquarters in that city. It will include club rooms, a large lecture hall, and laboratories.

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