

At the Annual General Meeting of the Governors of the Prince Alfred Hospital at Sydney Lord Hampden, in his characteristic way, congratulated everybody concerned upon the work accomplished during the year, and the general management of the Institution. The efficiency of the nursing staff was, he said, undoubted, seeing that not one of the candidates failed in her examination,—at which there was loud applause. We congratulate the Lady Superintendent, Miss McGahey. It is nice after all to have one's work appreciated.

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ONE of the most practical institutions in Canada is the Diet Dispensary at Montreal, of which Miss De Witt has been President for nineteen years, in fact, ever since the work had its beginning in the spring of 1879, when a number of ladies, with a capital of some eighteen dollars, bravely began the work, which has developed into the present Diet Dispensary. In that first year the ladies responded to 350 calls, while the report for the past year shows that over 16,000 orders were received at the Diet Dispensary for nourishing and appetising food for the sick, and out of that number about 15,000 were free. These figures speak for themselves, and surely testify to the wonderful growth and expansion of the work.

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On the 1st of May, the Diet Dispensary will remove from its present quarters on St. Antoine Street, where it has been located for the past three years, to 97, Osborne Street. The premises there are larger, and admirably adapted to the work, which will be carried on in just the same way, "without," as Miss De Witt writes, "we can discover better ways, as then we would willingly adopt them."

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ONE great convenience, however, will be gained by moving as there will be accommodation in the house for the two nurses of the Diet Dispensary, Miss Frizzell and Miss Boyd. Too much cannot be said in praise of these two nurses, their work being both arduous and trying. It is important to remember that the work of the Diet Dispensary is carried on throughout the year, and during the summer months as many poor convalescents as possible are sent to healthful country places to regain, as much as possible, their former health and vigor. Mrs. Calder is the matron in charge of the work, and has proved herself a most valuable and interested worker.

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We do not know of any institution in London corresponding to this Diet Dispensary. Surely it would meet a need,

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE Duke of Cambridge will open the joint Isolation Hospital for Richmond and Heaton-Isleworth on June 1st.

Lord Lister will preside at the Annual Festival Dinner of King's College Hospital to be held at the Whitehall Rooms, Hotel Métropole, on Tuesday next.

The trustees of the late Mr. Richard Gibbs have contributed out of his estate £1,000 to St. Thomas' Hospital, for the purpose of endowing a bed in memory of the deceased.

The London has had a good week and received, in response to the special appeal now being made in aid of the maintenance fund, donations of £1,000 from the Grocers' Company; £105 from the Vintners' Company; £105 from Messrs. Savill Brothers, Limited; £100 each from Colonel A. H. Brown, "W. J. C.," Sir Charles Smith, and Lord Ashton; £52 10s. from Mr. Herman Landau; £50 each from Miss Hamilton Seymour, and Mrs. Raincock; and subscriptions of £100 each from Messrs. Frühling and Goschen, and Mr. Evan Hanbury.

The Hospital Saturday Fund has issued its twenty-fourth annual report. One of the most noticeable features is the announcement that, after careful consideration of the report of a Special Committee upon the Ladies' Street Collection, the Board of Delegates have decided to discontinue this. The announcement will afford much gratification to the friends of the fund, as the system of street collecting was undoubtedly open to grave abuses.

It is stated that the Nursing Division of the Fund consists of fifteen members who are under the superintendence of Miss Julia Mann, and that the nurses have rendered "valuable service on many public occasions during the year." The opening of new offices at 54, Gray's Inn Road, W.C., is a noteworthy feature in the history of the fund during the past year. The Annual speech of the Chairman, Mr. R. B. D. Acland, which touches upon all the points of importance in connection with the work of this Society during the past year, may be obtained in pamphlet form, price 1d., from the offices.

At the festival dinner of the Royal Hospital for Women and Children, Waterloo Road, the chairman, Sir E. Dunning Lawrence, M.P., said that they heard a good deal about the poverty of the East End; but he believed the poorest part of London was on the South side, where the hospital was situated. They had 1,000 income, such as the City Hospitals had. By means of great exertions the hospital was enabled to pay its way, but he hoped that in the future the public would more and more appreciate the value of the services rendered by the institution, and that it would not be such hard work to raise the necessary funds in the future, as it had been in the past.

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