

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Sir Joseph Fayrer, Bart., K.C.S.I., M.D., L.L.D. F.R.S., has accepted the Presidency of the 17th Congress of The Sanitary Institute to be held in Birmingham, commencing September 27th.

At a meeting of the Court of Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital the vacancy on the surgical staff, caused by the promotion of Mr. W. J. Walsham to be full surgeon on the retirement of Sir Thomas Smith, Bart., has been filled up by the appointment of Mr. D'Arcy Power, F.R.C.S., Eng., M.B. Oxon., as assistant surgeon.

The "Lewis Carroll Cot" in the Hospital for Sick Children in Great Ormond Street is now secured. The £1,000 for which the St. James' Gazette appealed has been more than reached, and there are still some few further subscriptions to come in. The thanks of the Hospital are due the very large number of readers of this Journal who have helped to raise the best of all possible memorials to the author of "Alice in Wonderland." Such was "Lewis Carroll's" abounding love for the children whom he delighted by his books that there can be no doubt that, if memorial there was to be, this is the form of it which would have commended itself most warmly to him.

In view of the appeal now being made on behalf of the London Hospital Cardinal Vaughan paid a long visit to that institution on the 27th inst. He went into many of the wards and spoke to a large number of the Roman Catholic patients. Cardinal Vaughan was received by the Hon. Sydney Holland (chairman) and Mr. Harold Boulton, a member of the house committee, and by Roman Catholic members of the nursing staff, and the various ladies who visit the Roman Catholic patients at the hospital.

The members of the Metal Exchange have collected amongst themselves, and forwarded to the London Hospital, the handsome sum of £788 1s, as a donation to its funds.

The Annual Report of the Essex and Colchester Hospital shows a decrease of expenditure in every department with the exception of the out-patient department where there is a slight increase. In spite, however, of the evident economy exercised, and the fact that the balance due to the treasurers on January 1st, 1897, was discharged by the local Diamond Jubilee Fund, there was a balance due to the treasurers on January 1st, of the present year of £342 15s. 6d. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the hospital will obtain greater support, more especially as owing to its extension the expenses must inevitably increase.

The medical officer of Luton has just compiled a statement, which shows that out of a salary of £80 a year he has had to supply 10,000 bottles of medicine yearly. This works out at a rate of a fraction under twopence per bottle, professional services included.

It is reported that Dr. Roux, of the Pasteur Institute, has discovered a cure for lockjaw. The cure is effected by means of a serum which is injected into the brain.

The new Jockey hospital at Chantilly, which will soon be inaugurated, was blessed this week by the Bishop of Beauvais. This establishment is intended exclusively for jockeys and stablemen, and is an imitation of the Rous Memorial Hospital at Newmarket. The funds were supplied by the various racing societies, and the committee is composed of leading owners.

Legislation is in contemplation in Germany with regard to "first aid" on board ship. The outline of the proposal, which will probably become law, is that persons desirous of obtaining certificates of competency as masters or mates in the Mercantile Marine should undergo an examination in "first aid," and also manifest sufficient medical knowledge to qualify them to take charge of sick people on board ship in the absence of a duly qualified doctor. However, it will not be necessary for the aspirants for masters' or mates' certificates in all cases to show the requisite qualifications; but, at the same time, there must be at least one officer on board of each ship who has passed the examination with satisfactory results. This seems to be a valuable idea tending to alleviate much suffering at sea.

The Report of the Dufferin Hospital in Rangoon just issued says that in looking over the ten years which have now elapsed since it was opened, the Committee may, with satisfaction, point to the following figures and results. There have been 4,000 in-patients and 5,000 out-patients at its small special hospital of 15 beds. There were 1,500 births in the hospital; 120 women trained as midwives, sick-nurses and vaccinators have left the institution to practice in different parts of the province. When this institution opened, there was no special hospital of this kind in existence in the province. Before the opening of this institution there was not one qualified midwife or sick-nurse in the whole of the province acquainted with the Burmese language; there are now at least 100. Some 693 in-patients and 1,023 out-patients received treatment during the year. The Committee are gratified to notice an increase in the number of Burmese women attending as in-patients.

The Mazawattee Tea Company, Limited, has lately paid the biggest cheque ever known in the tea trade for Customs duty, amounting to over £63,000 sterling; and £12,500 greater than any previous amount. This cheque represents over 1,680 tons of tea, or something like one thousand million cups.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)