

The Hospital World.

THE SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL.

THE Samaritan Free Hospital in the Marylebone Road was *en fête* on Tuesday last, when an excellent entertainment was provided for the patients and nurses.

The entertainment took place in the Nasmyth Ward, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. As the ward is one which is under the care of Dr. Percy Boulton, in a conspicuous place over the mantelpiece was to be seen a device in red, white, and green, wishing "Long life to Dr. and Mrs. Percy Boulton." Festoons adorned the walls and pictures, and the picture cords were covered with trails of ivy with most excellent result.

There were present Mr. Diggle of School Board fame, various members of the staff and their wives, as well as representatives of the Ladies' Committee. The audience, which was largely composed of patients, nurses, and the domestic staff of the hospital, was keenly appreciative of the entertainment provided for its amusement, and joined with gusto in the choruses of the banjo songs of Mr. W. H. Propert. The songs of Dr. Walter Tate and Dr. Frederic McCann, members of the resident staff, elicited much applause, an encore being required of Dr. McCann on each occasion. Miss Olga Nethersole charmed her hearers with her recitation of "The Lord of Burleigh," and later in the evening with the speech of Sullivan's "Princess Ida" to her disciples. This elicited an encore, when Miss Nethersole recited a charming little poem by Owen Meredith. The banjo duet of Mr. and Mrs. Bird, the pianoforte solos of Miss Deichmann, and the songs of Miss Sibyl Bristowe were also warmly received.

At the close of the concert, numerous clothes baskets made their appearance piled up with gifts for both nurses and patients. Many of the useful garments were the work of the Ladies' Needlework Guild, and the rest of the presents were provided out of a fund subscribed by the Ladies' Visiting Committee; and those ladies who were present must, we think, have enjoyed the visible pleasure with which their gifts were received, as they were distributed by the Matron and Miss Olga Nethersole. After the distribution of presents, Mr. Diggle, in an appropriate speech, expressed the thanks of those present to the ladies and gentlemen who had contributed to their enjoyment, and referred to the excellent work of both the nursing and medical staffs. A reference to the Matron (Miss Butler) elicited a hearty round of applause, and the mention of the Secretary was also received with acclamation. After "God save the Queen" had been sung, the guests visited many of the wards, which looked comfortable and home-like; after which they said their adieux to Miss Butler, who was a charming hostess, and a very enjoyable time came to an end.

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The hon. secretary of the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund has received from Sir Edward Lawson, as the result of the appeal in the *Daily Telegraph*, a cheque for £37,779 19s. 7d.

The Mercers' Company have subscribed £10,000 to the funds of St. Thomas's Hospital, for the endowment of a ward.

A cheque for £1000 has been forwarded by the Fishmongers' Company to the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund, being the first annual instalment of the sum of £5000 agreed to be contributed by them in five years.

The legacies and donations of the charitable have during the past year, reached an immense figure. The Mansion House Indian Famine Relief Fund amounted to nearly £1,500,000. The Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund has secured an income of £22,000. The Hospital Saturday and Sunday Funds amounted to £57,705. Special sums given for rebuilding hospitals amount to £220,000, while other large charitable donations and bequests amount to £623,050.

We are glad to observe that the Royal Eye Hospital, Southwark—which, with the exception of the New Hospital for Women, is the only Metropolitan Hospital having a woman secretary—is able to issue an exceedingly satisfactory report for the past year. The fact that this is so is undoubtedly largely due to the energy and ability of Mrs. Cope, the present secretary. In order, however, to open all the beds in the New Building, the Committee pleads for an additional income of £2000. We doubt if the donations of the charitable could be bestowed upon an object more worthy of their support.

The Board of Management of the British Home for Incurables are appealing for support, as, owing to the many Jubilee and other collections made this year in which the institution has not participated, the income of the charity has been considerably reduced. The good work done by this institution, both in the Home at Streatham, where some sixty-six inmates are maintained, and also by the granting of pensions of £20 per annum to over 300 pensioners, is well known. We hope, shortly, to hear that the appeal now made has met with a liberal response.

The following military appointment has been gazetted:—Surgeon-Major-General James Jameson, Director-General Medical Department, as Honorary Surgeon to the Queen, *vice* the late Surgeon-Major-General Sir W. A. Mackinnon, K.C.B.

The Duke of Newcastle, some little time ago, offered a site at Worksop for a hospital for that town. This particular site, however, does not appear to have found favour in the eyes of the inhabitants, and after

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