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Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., Vice-Patron of University College Hospital, has consented to lay the foundation stone on Tuesday, June 21st, of the new building now in course of construction through the generosity of Sir J. Blundell Maple, Bart., M.P.

The Lord Mayor has determined to give a dinner at the Mansion House on the 18th May, with a view to making the needs of the London Hospital more widely known.

A Press Bazaar is to be held on June 28th and 29th in the large rooms of the Hotel Cecil—for the special appeal for £100,000, in aid of the London Hospital already twenty-two out of the twenty-eight stalls have been allotted, this list including most of the important London newspapers, daily and weekly.

The four days' Bazaar at the Empress Rooms in the Royal Palace Hotel, at Kensington, for the benefit of the poor "little waifs and strays" of London, was an unqualified success, and a good sum, we are glad to hear, will go into the coffers of the Society.

An anonymous donor of $\pounds 1,000$ has endowed the Kingsley bed in perpetuity at St. Thomas's Hospital in memory of the late Charles Kingsley, Rector of Eversley.

The Passmore Edwards Acton Jubilee Cottage Hospital was opened last week by Mrs. Creighton, who was accompanied by the Bishop of London. Mrs. Creighton, in commenting upon the pleasure which it gave her to declare the hospital open, said, that the object of the institution was the good of the poor of Acton. She trusted that the hospital might long remain as a witness to the pity for human suffering and the desire to help, which must ever be so characteristic a mark of the followers of Christ.

The general wards contain eight beds and two cots. Adjoining these wards are two smaller ones, each containing a single bed. Associated with the Hospital are a Nursing Institute and an Invalid Kitchen.

The foundation stone of the new wing of the Warneford Hospital, Leamington, was laid last week with full Masonic honours by Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire, assisted by Bro. G. Beech, D.P.G. Master, and the officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The new wing is part of the original design for the extension of the hospital, and was last year adopted by the town of Leamington as the local scheme for the commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. When the new wing is completed, the entire capacity of the hospital will be increased to 125 beds.

Mr. W. Wilkinson recently delivered an address at the Carpenters' Hall, London Wall, E.C., at a meeting of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association upon "Dangers to Health." He stated that where sewage out-falls were carried into the sea the sewage was infected with typhus bacilli, which would live in sea water at least three weeks, and the shell-fish became infected. He also expressed the opinion that no towns should be allowed to turn their sewage direct into tidal waters. In the matter of effectually disposing of sewage Loca Authorities still need much enlightenment. We believe that the city of Worcester empties its drains into the River Severn, and drinks the water of the same river.

A case of bubonic plague has been reported from Suez. Should the disease get a footing in this evil smelling town, we fear the death rate would rise rapidly.

The gallant corps of war correspondents are on their way home from the Soudan. Mr. Kinnard Rose, Reuter's king of "specials," is reported in very poor health.

According to a private letter received from the Soudan, says the *Westminster Gazette*, it appears that about a week before the battle of the Atbara Mr. Rose had a slight sunstroke, and was imperatively ordered away by the doctor to the base hospital. It was while on his way there that he was chased by Dervish horsemen, and lost, for the time being, his camels, servants, and baggage. The chase was an exciting one for the correspondent, but, curiously enough, it went further towards curing the patient of his illness than all the doctor's nostrums would have done. At all events, he managed to be present at the battle of the Atbara two days later.

Those Sisters who met Mr. Rose in Greece, will wish him a speedy and complete recovery.



