

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



THE will of Sir William Jenner comes somewhat as a surprise, for professional work is not usually supposed to be very remunerative. From the will, which has been lately published, Sir William left £375,323 net, and the Royal College of Physicians gets a legacy of £10,000.

The Hon. Sydney Holland, Chairman of the London Hospital, is a man whose sincerity of purpose in all the good work to which he puts his hand, cannot fail to compel admiration and respect, and the spirited manner in which he pleads the cause of the London Hospital deserves support, which we hope he will receive.

The defence of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, concerning the case of vaccination of an infant which we have previously reported, as embodied in a letter to the father, cannot be said to be very satisfactory. He points out that on Mrs. Forbigger's order of admission the statement appears: "All children born in the hospital will be vaccinated before leaving, unless objection is made by the parent." This is by no means the same as obtaining the consent of the parent. Again, it is stated that the arm was in a perfectly satisfactory condition when the child left the hospital. The father, on the contrary, asserts that on the eighth day a rash broke out, not only on the hand, but on the face and body of the child. On the day of his discharge it was most noticeable, and, in spite of being put immediately under a doctor's care, it developed into anything but a harmless eczema, being in appearance akin to small-pox, and so infectious that the whole family contracted it.

In these latter days of *quid pro quo*, sincere philanthropy is rare, but the will of the late Mr. Richard Cadbury, of Birmingham, provides, as far as possible, for maintaining many of the good works he started during his life—a life devoted to furthering charity in its truest form. Altogether, he leaves a sum of about £40,000 to be paid in charitable legacies at the end of six years. Among the principal bequests are the following:—£10,000 to the Temperance Institute, London, £5,000 each to the Friends' Foreign Missions Association, the Birmingham General Hospital, and the Birmingham Eye Hospital, £4,000 to the Friends' Home Mission Association, £2,500 each to the Birmingham Ear and Throat Hospital, the Birmingham Orthopædic Hospital, and the Friends' Adult First Day School, Birmingham, £2,000 to the Friends' Brumana Mission, Lebanon, £500 to the Friends' Women's First Day School, Birmingham. For fourteen years the income from the sum of £10,000 is to be applied for the purpose of carrying on the Gospel Temperance Mission at Birmingham. An amount is to be set apart out of the residue of the estate to produce a yearly income of £300, to be paid to the trustees of the Moseley Road Friends' Hall and Institute.

Sir Henry Norbury, inspector-general of hospitals and fleets, has, in consequence of sickness which has prevailed upon the St. Vincent training ship at Portsmouth, and of the deaths which have occurred, inspected this ship. He comments strongly in his report on the unsanitary conditions of the ship and her surroundings. She lies in a bed of sewage, her timbers are saturated with filth, and during the thirty years she has been at her present moorings, sewage and rubbish deposits have been accumulating round her, and she has not once had a thorough cleansing.

At the annual Dinner of the Barnsley Beckett Hospital Saturday and Sunday Committee, it was proposed to devote the sum of £1,000 from the receipts of the past year towards providing a children's ward for the Barnsley Hospital. The Mayor said he thought the idea an excellent one, and he believed the public would be ready to subscribe liberally towards it.

Their Excellencies the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and Countess Cadogan will be present at a ball to be held in the Rotunda, Dublin, on April 18th, in aid of the National Hospital for Consumption, for Ireland, Newcastle, County Wicklow.

The Queen Victoria Jubilee Annexe of the County Antrim Infirmary, Lisburn, was last week opened by the Rev. Canon Pounden. The new wing includes a children's ward, and accommodation for the nursing-staff. The visitors were entertained at tea by the Lady Superintendent, and the Nursing Staff.

We learn from the Annual Reports of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, that the number of cases admitted into the institution during the past year was 1335, and 26,939 out-patients received attention. Additional beds are urgently needed. The managers are to be congratulated on the fact that the hospital proceeds on the honourable basis of paying its way, and at the close of the year had a balance in hand of £279 6s. 7d. But it is not to be inferred from this satisfactory balance-sheet that funds are not urgently needed.

A member of the German Parliament recently called attention to the fact that a certain professor had actually published the results of his experiments in inoculating eight healthy persons with the serum of the victims of the most loathsome disease which afflicts the human race (presumably specific disease). The Minister admitted the gravity of the charge, and promised an inquiry. If the results of the inquiry are made public, as we hope they may be, we should scarcely think the practice of the professor in question will benefit in consequence. We sincerely hope not.

A monument to the late M. Pasteur and a Pasteur Institute similar to that in Paris, were inaugurated recently at Lille, in the presence of MM. Viger and Guillaum, members of the French Cabinet.

The total mortality from plague this week in Bombay is 280 less than last. The natives are returning in thousands, and there is a general restoration of confidence. Trade is rapidly reviving, and a prosperous season is anticipated.

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