

## Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Miss Emma L. Flemming has made the following handsome bequests to London hospitals and other philanthropic institutions: £5,000 each to St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, and the Westminster Hospital; £3,000 each to the Middlesex Hospital (of which £1,000 is to be for the use of the Cancer Ward), the Cancer Hospital, Brompton, and the Bexhill Convalescent Home; £2,000 each to the Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital and the London City Mission (one-half of the latter to be applied for the seaside homes); £1,000 each to the Poplar Hospital for Accidents, the Blind Pensions Society, Southwark Bridge Road, the Providence Row Night Refuge, and the Newport Market Refuge; £500 each to Miss Weston's Home for Sailors, Portsmouth, and the Asylum for Teaching the Blind, Kennington. After providing for several legacies, Miss Flemming left her residuary estate to be divided equally between the London Hospital and Guy's Hospital.

The "open-air" treatment of phthisis at the North London Hospital for Consumption has, it is stated, been attended with marked success. Since last January 183 cases have been treated on this principle, and of these 437 left the hospital, in the majority of instances to return to work. All early cases improve under the treatment, and it is a common occurrence for patients to enter the hospital with extensive signs of disease, and to leave after nine or ten weeks with no indications of active disease, and an increase of a stone in weight. A series of balconies are being added to the institution, which will enable the treatment to be extended.

A new operating room has been added to the Bristol Royal Infirmary; a new Nurses' Home is approaching completion, and it is satisfactory to know that there is a balance in hand after the expenses of furnishing have been defrayed. The laundry is also being considerably enlarged.

There is a considerable epidemic of enteric fever at Exeter, due, it is believed, largely to the consumption of cockles by children at Exmouth. Means have accordingly now been taken to prevent the sale of raw cockles, with the consequence that the cases of enteric fever notified have steadily decreased, and for the last few days there have been none. Fifty-three patients are now under treatment at the Sanatorium, while five have succumbed to the disease. A staff of night nurses, and five probationers, besides the superintendent nurse, are employed at the Sanatorium, where there are also some cases of scarlet fever. It is estimated that the epidemic will cost the city from £1,500 to £2,000.

Mr. A. F. Hills, the President of the Oriole Hospital, Loughton, shows his interest in the institution in a practical form. In addition to providing the house and grounds, he doubles all subscriptions received up to

£300 a year. The hospital contains twenty-five beds for adults, and five cots; while a special open-air ward, facing south and west; is now being erected, to which a "sun bath" will be attached.

Miss Augusta Boyes, M.D., Ch.B., has been appointed resident physician at the Fever Hospital, Govan, Glasgow. Miss Annie Mercer Watson, M.D., has also been appointed resident physician at the Victoria Hospital for Consumptives, Edinburgh.

It has been decided by the Langholm Burgh Commissioners, and the Langholm District Committee, to provide a joint hospital for infectious diseases. The cost is estimated at £2,000.

There are a number of cases of enteric fever at present in Steeven's Hospital, Dublin, and one member of the Royal Irish Constabulary Depôt has succumbed to the disease. There are also cases in the married quarters of the depôt, these seem to be increasing rapidly, four having developed in forty-eight hours.

Mr. John Jaffe, of Nice (a brother of the Lord Mayor of Belfast), has presented a handsome "shelter" to be used by patients at the Forster Green Hospital for Consumption, Newtonbreda, Belfast.

The following are amongst 540 items recently requisitioned by the chief surgeon of the American troops now serving in the Philippines: 10,000,000 quinine tablets, 7,500,000 grains of quinine in bulk, 20 tons of Epsom salts, 5,000 bottles of paregoric, 3,000 bottles of iodoform, 8,000 bottles of collodion, 5,000 bottles of chloroform, 2,500 tins of ether, 10,000 quarts of whisky, and 7,000 quarts of alcohol. There were also 600,000 compound cathartic pills, 1,000,000 tablets of strychnine, 1,600,000 tablets of salicylate of soda, 12,000 yards of mustard plasters, 3,000 yards of adhesive plaster, 50,000 yards of plain gauze, 5,000 yards of unbleached muslin, 50,000 sterilized bandages, 96,000 roller bandages, and 4,000 pounds of absorbent cotton. The order also included 5,000 pieces of each kind of crockery and cutlery necessary to equip hospital mess tables. We should imagine that the medical staff believes in doses of physic of generous proportion. We are not informed how long the 20 tons of Epsom salts is to last.

Prince Alexander of Oldenburg, Astrakhan, President of the Plague Commission, has recommended the municipal authorities to establish night camps and huts capable of accommodating one thousand persons, in view of the outbreak of plague.

The whole of the Syrian coast has been placed under quarantine regulations on account of reported plague in several seaports.

None of the plague patients at Lisbon who have been inoculated with Dr. Yersin's anti-plague serum have succumbed.

Captain Tyler, of the Royal Artillery, has died of plague at Poona.

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