

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Organising Committee of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, 81, Cheapide, E.C., have signified that they have much pleasure in accepting an offer which has been made to them with regard to Mr. Percy Godfrey's Coronation March.

This proposal is to the effect that sixpence derived from the sale of each copy of the March shall be devoted to the "Coronation Gift," and that all sums derived from licences to perform the march, and collections made at concerts shall be given to the same object.

Mr. Godfrey's composition gained the prize recently offered by the Worshipful Company of Musicians for the best Coronation March, the adjudicators being Sir Frederick Bridge, Sir Walter Parratt, and Sir Hubert Parry. The endorsement given to the March by these talented musicians should ensure for it a very hearty welcome by every lover of music.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have been busy hospital visiting. Last week they were at the London where they were particularly interested in the Finsen light cure for lupus, and after going round the Hospital for Sick Children at Great Ormond St., they expressed their interest in the forthcoming Coronation Bazaar, to be held in aid of that popular institution.

A Windsor correspondent says the household servants of Queen Victoria, to the number of 600, have subscribed to endow a bed in perpetuity in Clewer Convalescent Hospital as a memorial of their late Royal mistress. Her Majesty maintained a bed in the institution at her own expense, to which, by her desire, invalided soldiers had the first claim. King Edward has continued the late Queen's patronage and subscription.

The court of the Goldsmiths' Company had recently under consideration the question as to the special manner in which it could most worthily commemorate the Coronation. The scheme which is being elaborated by the Conjoint Board of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons for investigating the causes, prevention, and treatment of cancer having been brought to the notice of the court, it was resolved that a special grant of £5,000 should be made to the Research Fund in commemoration of the great event of the coming summer. Mr. H. L. Bishoffsheim has offered to contribute £5,000 to the fund, and another donation of the same amount has been promised, as well as other smaller amounts. It is understood that a sum of £150,000 will be required for the effective carrying out of the scheme.

The Local Government and Taxation Committee recommended that the resolution passed by the council a fortnight ago with regard to the exemption of hospitals from rating should be varied as follows:— "That no further exemptions from rating should be allowed, that existing exemptions should be abolished

as opportunity offers, and that all rates levied on metropolitan hospitals should, subject to a certificate by the London County Council, be paid out of the Metropolitan Common Poor Fund."

This was agreed to.

Alderman James Duckworth, of Rochdale, ex-M.P. for the Middleton Division, has contributed £1,000 to the nurses' home to be established at Rochdale, to commemorate the reign of the late Queen. Half of the sum is to be used for purposes of endowment. The money has been given as a memorial to his late daughter.

A beautiful new operating theatre, up-to-date in every particular, was recently opened at the Bridgwater Infirmary. A munificent bequest from the late Mr. George England enabled the committee to carry out the improvement.

The members of St. Thomas's Hospital and Medical School have decided to institute a permanent memorial of the connection of the late Sir Wm MacCormac with the institution.

A Finsen lamp for the new treatment of lupus has been presented to the Huddersfield Infirmary by Mr. John Sykes, Acre House, Lindley.

It is understood that the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary will benefit to the extent of £30,000 under the will of the late Mr. Molleson.

Nice in another matter is following the lead of Cannes, in the establishment of an English hospital. English people who fall ill at Nice do not know how and where to apply for medical treatment. At Cannes they are taken to the English hospital, which is supported by voluntary contributions, and by the proceeds of an annual theatrical entertainment organised by Lady Waterlow and Mdle. Labrosse, and of other charitable performances. It has now been decided that Nice shall have a similar hospital, and that it shall be established as a memorial to the late Queen Victoria, who was very fond of Nice. The British Consul, Mr. McMillan, heads the movement, and there can be little doubt that the Committee will obtain the money they require for the building.

King Victor Emmanuel has sent £200 to the Italian Hospital in London.

At a bazaar at Rome £1,000 has been raised to aid in the building of a hospital for sick dogs.

As the Kaiser wishes that more should be done to discover a remedy for cancer, the erection in Berlin of a hospital for the special study of the disease is to be proceeded with at once.

The Victoria Nurses' Institute, Hof Street, Cape Town, has been formally opened by the Governor.

According to a despatch from Mombasa bubonic plague has broken out at Nairobi, in East Africa. Five cases and one death were reported yesterday.

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