

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR



By special permission and with the sanction and approval of Her Majesty the Queen, a fund is being raised in commemoration of her coronation to establish pensions and beds (according to the sum raised) in connection with the British Home and Hospital for Incurables, at Streatham; the first charitable institution in this country to receive the support and patronage of Queen Alexandra.

The signatures of all subscribers to the fund will be placed in an album and offered for Her Majesty's gracious acceptance on her visit to the Home after the coronation.

Many municipalities throughout the country are engaged in the commendable task of raising funds for the erection or completion of local hospitals as permanent Coronation memorials. That such schemes have the thorough sympathy of the King is shown in the following letter to the authorities at Greenwich, who propose to enlarge the Miller Hospital, of which the King is patron. His Majesty was informed of the proposal, and in reply Sir Francis Knollys wrote:—"I have had the honour of submitting your letter to the King, and his Majesty commands me to say that he does not think any better way of celebrating the Coronation at Greenwich could be suggested than the proposal that the funds collected on the occasion should be devoted to a local charity."

The Prince of Wales, as President of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, has announced his pleasure in receiving from Mrs. Samuel Lewis the first quarterly instalment of her annual subscription of £10,000 a year to the Fund.

The Prince of Wales, Grand Prior of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England, will, on Wednesday, June 11, unveil the memorial to over sixty members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade who have died while on active service in South Africa.

Princess Henry of Battenberg visited the North-Eastern Hospital for Children on Thursday last, and laid the memorial stone of the new building.

The Lord Mayor will attend in State on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at 4.30 p.m., to open the new operating theatre at the London Hospital.

The managers of the Central Sick Asylums, Cleveland-street and Hendon, have decided to establish a department for the new ray treatment of lupus. There are about 25 cases in the Metropolitan area, and, with the permission of the Local Government Board, these can be sent to Hendon at a certain charge.

Mrs. Gully, the wife of the Speaker, is organising an entertainment on behalf of the Westminster Hospital, which will take place on Tuesday, May 13th, at the Speaker's house. Tickets (two guineas each), may be obtained on application to Mrs. Gully.

We are glad to learn that the Westminster Hospital will benefit substantially from the sum received for seats from which to view the procession on Coronation Day. During the first few days in which seats were offered for sale £4,000 was received, and a steady sale has been going on ever since. The hospital is directly opposite the Pavilion which will be erected in the Broad Sanctuary for the Royal entrance to the Abbey.

The Treasurer of Guy's Hospital has received from a generous benefactor, who veils his identity under the initials "J. M.," the handsome gift of £1,000 towards the renovation and building fund of the hospital.

A dramatic performance in aid of the funds of the East London Hospital for Children was given in St. George's Hall, Langham Place, on the evening of Wednesday last, the piece produced being Mr. Bernard Shaw's three act comedy of "Arms and the Man." The entertainment was promoted by the Ladies' Association of the hospital.

One thousand pounds has been promised by the Rev. James Chadburn towards the endowment of an additional cancer bed at the New Hospital for Women.

The first horse ambulance ordered by the Corporation for the use of the City of Birmingham is now in use. Internally the fittings consist of two removeable stretchers supported one above the other. There is a space for an attendant and the lower stretcher has an adjustment for raising or lowering one end in order that the injured person may have the minimum of discomfort when the vehicle is ascending or descending a hill. A supply of splints for fractures is provided in racks at the sides, and the usual surgical dressings are contained in boxes placed in the front of the van.

Sir Peter Walker has offered to provide the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary with everything necessary to establish a department for the treatment of Lupus by the Finsen Light in commemoration of the Coronation.

According to Dr. E. W. Kelsey, who has just returned from a sixteen months' stay in Alaska, pneumonia is unknown within the Arctic Circle.

Miss Jeanie Macleod, a brilliant student at Aberdeen University, who graduated only a month ago, was last week found dead in her bed with her throat cut. It is believed that depression, due to reaction after her arduous studies caused her to commit suicide.

An anonymous donor has offered £1,000 towards the building fund of the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Dublin, provided £4,000 more is subscribed to the fund by next November.

A telegram from Manila states that the cholera is spreading in the Philippines. There have been 703 cases and 554 deaths at Manila, and 2,000 cases and 1,473 deaths in the provinces.

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