

Reflections

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King, accompanied by Sir Frederick Treves, last week paid a private visit to the Royal College of Surgeons for the purpose of inspecting the collection of specimens bearing on the comparative anatomy and surgery of the cæcum and appendix, and particularly those connected with perityphlitis.

King Edward's Hospital Fund for London has received, through Lord Knollys, a sum of £10,000, which has been given to the King by Colonel his Highness Maharajah Dhiraj Sir Madho Rao Sindhia, G.C.S.I., A.D.C., Maharajah of Gwalior, and which His Majesty has presented to the fund.

By the direction of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales a cheque for £460 has been forwarded to King Edward's Hospital Fund for London. This amount represents the net profit of the exhibition at the Imperial Institute of colonial gifts and addresses received by Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales during their recent tour.

Her Royal Highness Princess Frederica (Baroness von Pawel Rammingen) has consented to become patron of the Central London Ophthalmic Hospital.

It is an interesting fact that Westminster Hospital, which has been brought into considerable prominence of late owing to its unique position in relation to the Coronation procession, is remarkable as being the first hospital in London founded on the voluntary contributions of the public. Founded in 1715 at a meeting at St. Dunstan's Coffee House, it was first opened in Birdcage Walk, and moved successively to York Street, Chapel Street, and St. James's Street, where it stayed 101 years. Then came the secession. Half the Governors wished to move to Hyde Park Corner, hence St. George's Hospital, and half to the Broad Sanctuary, where Westminster Hospital at present stands.

The Imperial Vaccination League, of which Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D., is Hon. Secretary, and which has its office at 53, Berners Street, W., is appealing in an influentially-signed letter to the *Times* for funds to carry on its propaganda. Foremost among the amendments which it desires to see carried in regard to the Vaccination Act of 1898 is the re-vaccination of school children at a specified age.

The Committee of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest are appealing for £7,000 to build a new Nurses' Home.

The late Miss Fanny Blackman, of 11, Chapel Place, Ramsgate, has bequeathed £10,000 to Guy's Hospital, £10,000 to the Kent and Canterbury Hospital to found a Blackman Ward, and £1,000 to the Ramsgate Seamen's Infirmary and General Hospital.

Sir Frederick Treves will open two new operating theatres at the Liverpool Royal Infirmary in October. The ceremony will be performed probably during the visit of Lord Roberts and Viscount Kitchener to receive the freedom of the city.

The eighth expedition of the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine, under Dr. J. F. Dutton and Dr. J. L. Todd, will start for the Gambia and French Senegal on August 23rd.

The Committee of the Royal Hants County Hospital have decided to make many structural alterations, and it is hoped that considerable progress will be made forthwith with these additions and works, which are urgently needed in order that the Hospital may carry on its beneficial work with full advantages.

A Home for Nurses is to be built at Chatham as a permanent memorial of Queen Victoria. The cost will amount to nearly £5,000.

Countess Grosvenor, who was accompanied by the Right Hon. George Wyndham, Chief Secretary for Ireland, opened at Dover last week the Coronation bazaar and floral fête, by which it is hoped to raise £2,000 for the local hospital, to be named, by the King's permission, the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Cardiff has since 1866 had a seaman's hospital for the seamen of all nations, an unused frigate having been lent for this purpose. Funds have, however, now been raised for a permanent building, which, it is estimated, will cost £30,000. The foundation stone was laid last week by the Marquess of Bute, and it is hoped that the building will be completed in about fifteen months.

A new County Asylum for Brecon and Radnor has been erected at Talgarth, which will accommodate 350 patients, at a cost of £120,000.

Dr. D. F. Rambant, of the Richmond Asylum, Dublin, has been appointed Medical Superintendent of the Salop and Montgomery Asylum, Shrewsbury.

Professor Vaillard, a French bacteriologist, and M. Desmauroux, an engineer, have invented a convenient apparatus for sterilising water by heat, which is made in different sizes, for private houses, schools, colleges, hospitals, and so on. One capable of sterilising 1,000 litres of water has been installed at the Military School of Saint-Cyr. The water is completely sterilised at or above the temperature of boiling water, without losing its drinkable quality, and it is rapidly cooled so as to be drawn ready for use. The cooling is done by the cold feed water circulating in a pipe alongside the pipe conveying the hot water from the sterilising cauldrons. Both the heating and cooling are effected gradually.

At a meeting of the American Congress of Tuberculosis held in New York this summer, a suggestion to hold a World's Congress of Tuberculosis in St. Louis in 1904 was approved, and steps are being taken to advertise this fact, and to secure the aid of the medical Press in making the movement a success.

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