

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Prince of Wales has received at York House a deputation of four gentlemen from the Worshipful Company of Musicians, who presented him, as representing the King, with a cheque for £866 2s. for King Edward's Hospital Fund, the sum having been realised by sales of Mr. Percy Godfrey's Coronation Prize March.

The Mansion House Committee which is inquiring into the proposed enlargement of St. Bartholomew's Hospital and other matters connected with that foundation, and which had met at the Mansion House on two previous occasions, assembled at the hospital on Monday, and began the hearing of evidence on the question of the retention of the hospital on its present site or its removal therefrom.

The Court of Common Council has had before it a petition (bearing some 500 or 600 signatures) from the dwellers in the neighbourhood of St. Bartholomew's Hospital stating they had heard with great regret that the hospital was in danger of being removed from its present site, and asking the Court to take all the steps it could to prevent the removal. The petitioners declared that the removal of the hospital would be a calamity to the City. It was the only general hospital in the City of London, one of the most crowded and busy places in England, and it served a great industrial centre, where accidents were of frequent occurrence, and this hospital was the only one available for the sufferers which was within reasonable distance. The petition was referred to the special committee dealing with the subject.

It is reported that the quinquennial appeal for the London Hospital, which was issued four weeks ago, has already resulted in £70,000 being raised. It is hoped that the fund will reach £160,000, and that a good sum towards the maintenance fund will be obtained.

Mr. G. Q. Roberts, House Governor of the London Hospital, has been appointed Secretary and Receiver at St. Thomas's Hospital. The vacancy at the London is a very responsible and well-paid office, as hospital appointments go. No doubt there will be keen competition in the secretarial world for this desirable berth.

Truth recommends more amalgamation of the small special hospitals. No doubt much expenditure would thus be saved.

The terrible result of the fire at Colney Hatch has aroused the interest of many committees in the fire protection arrangements in hospitals. Some have been found to be obsolete and useless, and a better system is being rapidly inaugurated. It is an item of hospital management of very serious importance, and should be under some public expert authority.

The report for the year of the Bradford Joint Hospital Fund shows that the source from which the largest contribution to the fund had been received was the mills and workshops, which had yielded the handsome sum of £3,093. This was the highest amount

ever raised in any one year by the workpeople since the establishment of the fund in 1873.

The name of the Manchester Clinical Hospital for Women and Children, which is situated in Park Place, Cheetham Hill Road, has been changed to "the Manchester Northern Hospital for Women and Children." The old name has for a long time been felt to be meaningless and indistinctive, and at last week's meeting of the Governors it was attributed to the semi-German origin of the institution.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the reports and accounts at the annual meeting, said the hospital was desperately poor, and in one sense it was getting poorer. The deficit was larger last year than the year before, and it was a source of constant anxiety. But he was not going to dilate upon it as he had in past years. Either the people did not care, or his feeble appeal had not reached the people who could and would give, and he hoped that some other means of getting to the hearts and purses of the public would be discovered.

The first city in Germany to use ozone for the purification of its water supply is Schierstein. A number of attempts have been made in Europe and America to utilise the principle, but Schierstein, which is a suburb of Wiesbaden, appears to be a pioneer in the adoption of the system on a large scale. An elaborate factory to produce ozone electrically from the atmosphere has been erected at the waterworks, and has now been turned over to the municipality. A similar apparatus has been installed at Paderborn. Ozone is used to purify only drinking-water, and treatment with it is substituted for sand filtration.

A Popular Beverage.

The unfortunate fire which took place at Dr. Tibbles' Watford factory recently has occasioned many inquiries as to whether the output of Vi-Cocoa will be curtailed, and this popular beverage be consequently temporarily unobtainable. We are glad, therefore, to be able to state that all demands can be supplied without the slightest delay from the London factories, Bunhill Row, Gray's Inn Road, and the Minorities.

The Prevention of Influenza.

A treatise by Dr. Robert Bell, F.F.P.S., L.R.C.S., on "Influenza, its Prevention and Cure," published by the Oxo Department, Liebig's Extract of Meat Company, Limited, 9, Fenchurch Avenue, E.C. (price 2d.), is opportune at the present moment, when the scourge is once again prevalent. Dr. Bell asserts that the secret of escape from influenza may be summed up in one word—strength. The disease is powerless to exert its influence upon a person who is obedient to hygienic law, and who, when temporarily run down, has recourse to restoratives, such as Oxo, which exerts a permanently beneficial effect upon the vital forces—in contrast to stimulants, which only act as a pick-me-up. It should be noted that Oxo is not only a pleasant beverage, but that through its agency, in the shortest possible time, the energising and sustaining force of the best beef finds access to the circulatory system, by means of which the health of the body is maintained.

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