

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The announcement made by the Lord-Lieutenant for Ireland in accordance with the command of the King that Lord Iveagh wishes to mark their Majesties' visit to Dublin by making a presentation to the Dublin hospitals and has given to the King a sum of £50,000 to be distributed among the hospitals, Protestant and Catholic alike, including the National Hospital for Consumption in Newcastle, has given great satisfaction. The King desires that a representative committee of five gentlemen should be nominated to apportion the gift.

Her Royal Highness the Princess Henry of Battenberg has appointed Edgar Hoffmeister, Esq., M.B., B.C., to be Surgeon-in-Ordinary to Her Royal Highness.

Mr. Walter Long, M.P., President of the Local Government Board, last week laid the foundation-stone of the new workhouse and infirmary buildings at Hammersmith.

Mr. Akers-Douglas, in reply to Mr. Perks, stated in the House of Commons that over 12,000 experiments on living animals (being mostly inoculations, and in no case involving any serious operation) were performed without anaesthetics under licence from the Home Office in 1902. Neither the starving of animals to death nor the forced over-feeding of animals was included among the experiments authorised or performed.

The annual report issued by the Commissioners in Lunacy includes the following remarks on the subject of the disastrous fire at the Colney Hatch Asylum:—"The buildings were erected in 1895 by the Asylums Committee of the London County Council with our very reluctant consent. Our consent was given upon strong representations made to us from several quarters, and amply confirmed by our own observation and knowledge, as to the inadequate accommodation for the insane poor in the County of London, and the consequent overcrowding of its asylums and the necessary refusal of admission to persons who were in urgent need of medical and asylum treatment. We shall in future refuse our sanction to the erection of buildings of this inflammable character, which have been shown to be dangerous in an unforeseen degree, and shall use every endeavour to have the occupation of those which are already in existence determined at the earliest possible period."

Miss Mary Thompson, formerly of Duncan Terrace, Islington, has left bequests estimated at £40,000 between the London City Mission, the British and Foreign Bible Society, the London Hospital, Whitechapel, the Royal Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, and the Surgical Aid Society, Salisbury Square.

The Chelsea Hospital for Women has received a bequest of £500 from the estate of the late Mr. Richard Bishop, allotted at the discretion of the executors.

The North-Eastern Hospital for Children, Hackney Road, has received a donation of £300 from the executors of the estate of the late Mr. Richard Bishop towards the building fund.

The Drapers Company has promised £4,000 on condition that the Tottenham Hospital authorities raise £3,000 for much-needed improvements.

The Earl of Leicester, who has just given £5,000, in addition to a previous £15,000, in aid of a nurses' home at Norwich, has lived to see his estate reduced by agricultural depression to just one-half of what it was when he succeeded to it, and has reduced his style of living accordingly, but not his charities.

The "mysterious disease" from which Cambridge was reported to be suffering is mysterious no longer, no fewer than 119 cases of small-pox having been notified to the Medical Officer of Health. It is alleged that the authorities allowed two months to elapse before making any statement on the subject, and the residents consider that they have a serious grievance.

Two cases of small-pox have been removed from the Poor Law Hospital, Halifax, to the Small-pox Hospital, where there are now forty patients.

At a meeting of the Management Committee of the Birmingham and Midland Hospital for Women, it was announced that the £30,000 necessary for starting the new building had been obtained. About £10,000 are still required to complete and equip the institution.

Colonel W. Windle Pilkington, V.D., J.P., last week laid the memorial stone of the third extension of the St. Helen's Hospital Buildings and at the same time presented the authorities with a cheque for £1,000 to endow a memorial bed for his son, the late Mr. Henry William Pilkington, as well as for Miss Annie Pilkington.

The Countess of Leicester last week opened the new operating theatre of the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital.

At the usual monthly meeting of the directors of the Glasgow Samaritan Hospital for Women, the hon. secretary intimated the receipt during the past month of the sum of £1,000 from Mr. A. Cameron Corbett, M.P., to name a ward in the new wing "The Alice Mary Corbett Ward," in memory of his late wife, the president of the Ladies' Auxiliary Association.

Mr. Alexander Mann, Guayaquil, South America, a native of Nairn, has intimated his desire to erect a new hospital for the town and county of Nairn at a cost of £4,000. He makes only two stipulations:— 1. That the hospital be named "The Nairn Town and County Hospital." 2. That no native of the town or county of Nairn, whilst a patient in said hospital, shall be considered as a recipient of charity, but that his or her residence therein (whilst temporarily invalided) shall be considered as his or her inborn right.

The Cancer Investigation Committee of Berlin, which was formed in 1900, has realised the necessity of a special journal which will embody all the latest discoveries relating to this malady. One will therefore be published, and will be called the "Cancer Investigation Journal." It will be issued periodically at Jena.

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