

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



IN AID OF QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S HOSPITAL—A grand morning concert in aid of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, Marylebone Road, of which Her Majesty Queen Alexandra is patron, and the Princess of Wales vice-patron, is to be held in the Queen's Hall on Thursday, May 5th. An influential Concert Committee has been formed, and Madame Melba, who has consented to sing, is arranging the programme. Tickets, at £1 ls., 10s. 6d., and 5s. each, may be obtained from the Social Bureau, 30, New Bond Street, W., and from the Secretary of the Hospital.

THE VICTORIA HOSPITAL, CHELSEA.—The new wing of the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea, is getting ready to receive patients, and two of the wards are already open. Each has thirty-two beds, and, when a privileged party were taken round the building prior to its occupation, the blue and green tiled wards looked charming. Four other wards are also complete, but the condition of the funds does not warrant the Committee's incurring the additional expense of maintenance at present. There is now accommodation for 108 patients, but, while the demand for treatment is increasing, funds do not increase in a corresponding ratio. A bazaar, under the direct patronage of Her Majesty the Queen, will be held at the Albert Hall on June 21st, 22nd, and 23rd, with a view of relieving the financial difficulties.

THE PRINCE AND DORSET COUNTY HOSPITAL.—The Prince of Wales has given a donation of £50 to the Dorset County Hospital at Dorchester.

THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS.—At a meeting of the Royal College of Physicians of London, held on Monday, Sir William S. Church was re-elected President for the ensuing year.

ON BEHALF OF CHARING CROSS HOSPITAL.—A grand costume ball, at which masques and dominoes will be permitted, is arranged to take place at the Royal Albert Hall on Tuesday, May 31st, on behalf of Charing Cross Hospital Improvements Fund.

THE KING'S SANATORIUM.—The work of the King's Sanatorium at Midhurst is now progressing favourably, but the contractors for the foundations have had great difficulties to contend against on account of the rain. About 100 men are now engaged on the work, so that the foundations may be ready for the superstructure within the appointed time.

FOR THE SAMARITAN FREE HOSPITAL.—The Duke of Connaught has sent a donation of twenty guineas to the Special Appeal Building Fund for the new out-patients' department at the Samaritan Free Hospital for Women, Marylebone Road.

THE EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN.—The Board of Management of the East London Hospital for Children regret to have to call attention to the fact that last year, for the first time in the existence

of the hospital, they were compelled to contract a loan from the bankers to enable them to meet maintenance expenses. Of the £2,000 borrowed, one-half was subsequently repaid, but the year closed with a deficit of £1,623 17s. 9d. Special contributions are therefore asked for to enable the remaining debt to the bankers to be repaid and to meet the ordinary maintenance expenses.

CARE OF THE FEEBLE-MINDED.—The Kingston-on-Thames Board of Guardians have resolved to apply to the Local Government Board to issue an order combining the Unions of Croydon, Kingston, and Richmond for the purpose of providing accommodation for imbeciles, epileptics, and feeble-minded persons for whose care the guardians of the three unions are responsible. It is proposed to acquire fifty acres of land, and to build workshops, chapel, halls, and ten "homes" to accommodate 240 inmates, and the total capital outlay is estimated at £58,000.

THE NEW PROVOST OF TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN.—Dr. Anthony Traill, the new Provost of Trinity College, Dublin, is a Doctor like each of his predecessors for a century. But he is a Doctor of Medicine and LL.D., while all his predecessors in the last century were Doctors of Divinity, and two of them Bishops. He has contributed freely to periodical literature on controversial topics. He played cricket in his time, and still plays golf, while he is a warm disciple of Izaak Walton.

MR. PIRRIE AND THE ROYAL VICTORIA HOSPITAL, BELFAST.—Mr. W. J. Pirrie, the head of the great Belfast shipbuilding firm of Harland and Wolff, has already subscribed over £12,000 to the Belfast Royal Victoria Hospital, which was opened by the King in July, and his firm has collected nearly £70,000. He has now intimated his intention of paying off the whole of the debt which rests on the building, amounting to several thousands of pounds.

A FRENCH HOSPITAL IN CANTON.—The inauguration of a new French hospital in Canton recently was marked by an imposing ceremony. The Bishop of Canton, the officers of the gunboat *Kersaint*, a representative of the Viceroy, the Tartar General, and a number of Mandarins were present. M. Hardouin, Chief of the Governor-General of Indo-China, spoke of the assistance given by Chinese at home and abroad. The hospital would be open to all without distinction of class, race, or creed. The representative of the Viceroy and two other Chinese delivered short speeches.

Plague in India: Startling Figures.

The latest plague returns for the whole of India, according to a Reuter's Bombay telegram, show a very considerable increase. The deaths for the week ending March 19th numbered 40,527, being an increase of 7,000 in seven days. The Punjab and the United Provinces, both with 10,000 deaths in the week, show the highest figures, while Bombay Presidency has 8,500 and Bengal 5,000 deaths.

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