

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



A SERUM INSTITUTE.—Queen Alexandra, accompanied by the Crown Prince and Princess of Denmark and Sir Francis Laking, last week visited the Government institute for the preparation of serum, and made an extended inspection of the premises. The Royal party was conducted over the Institute by Professor Carl Salomansen.

HOSPITAL SATURDAY FUND.—The Lord Mayor, as President of the Hospital Saturday Fund, will preside at the annual public meeting of the Fund to be held at the Mansion House on Saturday, April 23rd, at 4 p.m.

THE HOSPITAL OF ST. JOHN AND ST. ELIZABETH.—The Princess of the Asturias and Princess Immaculée de Bourbon have given their patronage to the bazaar in aid of the funds of the Hospital of St. John and St. Elizabeth, to be held at Prince's Skating Rink early in June.

THE SANITARY INSTITUTE.—A sessional meeting of the Sanitary Institute will take place at the Parkes Museum, Margaret Street, W., on Saturday, April 30th, at 11.30 a.m., when the chair will be taken by Mr. Charles Game, Chairman of the Corporation of London Cattle Markets Committee. The discussion will be on "Food and Meat Inspection," and will be opened by Col. J. Lane Notter, R.A.M.C., M.A., M.D., D.P.H., and Mr. W. Hunting, F.R.C.V.S., Fellows of the Institute. In the afternoon a visit will be paid to the Metropolitan Cattle Market, York Road, Islington, conducted by Mr. J. King, M.R.C.V.S. Tickets of admission may be had on application to Mr. E. White Wallis, the Secretary, at the Sanitary Institute.

THE ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL.—The Duke of Marlborough will preside at a festival dinner in aid of the Alexandra Hospital for Children with Hip Disease, Queen Square, Bloomsbury, at Prince's Restaurant, on Wednesday, the 27th inst.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL, LEICESTER SQUARE.—The Board of St. John's Hospital have decided, after most careful consideration, and acting upon the best advice, to take steps to incorporate the hospital under the Companies Acts. The Board find that the restrictions imposed by the Friendly Societies Act, under which it is registered as a benevolent society, are not conducive to the well-being and advancement of the hospital, the work of which is constantly increasing.

MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL, HAMPSTEAD.—Mr. Henry Stedall, of The Firs, Hampstead Heath, has been elected chairman of the Committee of Management of the Mount Vernon Hospital for Consumption and Diseases of the Chest.

THE ROYAL WATERLOO HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN AND WOMEN.—The first section of the new buildings of the Royal Waterloo Hospital is now complete, and the removal of the out-patient department, surgeries,

dispensary, and administrative offices commenced on Monday last. The old temporary buildings that have been occupied for over a year, and which stand on the site of the second section, will now pass into the house-breakers' hands. It is expected that this second section will be completed within twelve months. Already a successful jumble sale has been held in the out-patient department of the new building. In connection with the Horticultural Bazaar at Leatherhead, on behalf of this hospital, it will be of interest to know that flowering bulbs are now on view, and can be obtained at 51, Wigmore Street, Cavendish Square, W.

SEAMEN'S HOSPITAL SOCIETY.—Mr. P. A. Nairne presided recently at the quarterly court of the Governors of the Seamen's Hospital Society (*Dreadnought*), at the Institute of Chartered Accountants, Moorgate Place, when it was reported that about £3,000 was still owing by the School to the Society. The Committee impressed on the Governors the necessity of making a great effort to increase the receipts of the corporation.

ST. LUKE'S HOUSE.—Miss Ellen E. Don, hon. secretary of St. Luke's House, 14, Pembroke Square, writes appealing for gifts of old linen for the poor patients at the institution. "Our supply," she says, "is again completely exhausted. We can use any quantity. When our supply runs short we have to buy cotton-wool, bandages, &c., and that means great expense. We should also be most grateful for plants and flowers for the wards, as our patients say the rooms look so much more homelike when full of lovely flowers, and we are anxious to do everything possible to gladden the last days of the suffering men and women."

THE ESSEX AND COLCHESTER HOSPITAL.—The Essex Hospital, Colchester, has received a draft for £30 from Mr. Thomas Judd, now living in Australia, as a donation in recognition of the treatment he received at the hospital sixty years ago when he was seized with rheumatic fever while working at Colchester.

A LIBERAL DONOR.—At High Wycombe, in Buckinghamshire, a friend of the local hospital, who desires his name to remain anonymous, has offered to erect the greatly-needed new operation-room at that institution, in connection with which there is a wing which is a permanent memorial of the late Earl of Beaconsfield. The offer has been gratefully accepted.

NEW ROYAL INFIRMARY, NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—The most advanced portion of the new buildings of the Royal Infirmary, Newcastle, is the Nurses' Home, a five-storeyed building, which, when complete, will provide accommodation for 110 nurses. It is expected that the Home will be ready for occupation this summer.

THE RUSSIAN RED CROSS SOCIETY.—The Red Cross Society in Russia is appealing to everyone, instead of paying ceremonial visits at Easter, as is the custom in Russia—when the St. Petersburg cabman raises his fare to an abnormal figure and makes a rich harvest—to send the special picture postcard issued by the Society, and thus add to the Red Cross funds. Those who are asked out to dinner are expected to pay for the hospitality received by a handsome donation to the Red Cross purse.

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