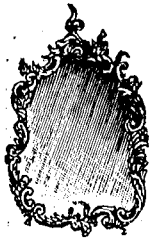


Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



A dinner in aid of the proposed Queen Alexandra Sanatorium at Davos, of which Lord Balfour of Burleigh is President, will be held at the Prince's Restaurant on Tuesday, May 16th. Among the hostesses on this occasion are the Duchess of Portland, the Duchess of Marlborough, Lady Balfour of Burleigh, the Hon. Lady Murray, and Mrs. Asquith.

The King has appointed Dr. Noel Dean Bardswell to the position of Medical Superintendent of the King Edward VII. Sanatorium, now in course of erection at Midhurst.

The Princess of Wales, Princess Louise (Duchess of Fife), and Princess Henry of Battenberg have given their patronage to a ball in aid of the Clarence Memorial wing of St. Mary's Hospital, Paddington, which will be given in the Empress Rooms on Wednesday, May 24 (Empire Day).

Princess Christian has consented to open the nurses' new home erected at Fulham by the local Poor Law guardians. The ceremony will take place in the first week in July.

Mr. Edgar Speyer, a member of the General Council of King Edward's Hospital Fund, has, with the approval of the Prince of Wales, President of the fund, offered a prize of £100 and a silver cup for the best essay on the subject of "The economical management of an efficient voluntary hospital." The Prince of Wales has consented to present the prize to the successful competitor. The competition is limited to the paid secretaries and assistant secretaries of voluntary hospitals in the United Kingdom and Ireland.

Sir William Broadbent takes the chair at a conference of the medical profession in the Examination Hall, Victoria Embankment, on Friday, March 24. It has for its main purpose the consideration of the value and the desirability of the teaching of hygiene and temperance in the schools of the country, and that doctors are taking keen interest in the subject is evidenced by the fact that no fewer than 14,718 of them last year signed the petition in favour of such teaching being made compulsory.

The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths has contributed a second donation of £500 towards the rebuilding of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the money to be devoted to the construction of the new out-patients' department. The guild's previous donation towards the rebuilding fund was £2,000.

The Duke of Westminster has sent a cheque for £1,000 to the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Rhyl, to head a list of subscriptions to pay off the debt of £3,000 which still remains on the new building. The Committee have issued an urgent appeal for further subscriptions towards this object.

Sir Samuel Scott, M.P., has been elected Chairman of the Committee of Management of Queen Char-

lotte's Hospital, in succession to the late Earl of Hardwicke.

At the annual meeting of governors, donors, and subscribers of University College Hospital the Treasurer, Lord Monkswell, said that new annual subscriptions and donations were urgently needed, as the hospital cost now about £23,500 a year, the income that could be relied on was only £9,000, and the new wing would cost £30,000 per annum. Mr. Henry Lucas, chairman of the hospital committee, in seconding the report which was adopted, said that there had been a marked diminution in the subscriptions and donations, and only the previous day the committee had to give directions for selling out £1,000 funded property.

St. Thomas's Hospital, Guy's Hospital, the Hospital for Women, Soho Square, the Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath, and the General Hospital, Tunbridge Wells, are amongst the institutions which receive legacies of £500 each under the will of the late Miss Ellen Ware, of Tunbridge Wells. Many institutions also benefit by the will of Mrs. Jane Begley, widow of Dr. William Chapman Begley, late Medical Superintendent of Hanwell Asylum.

The report for last year of Friedenheim Hospital, which has just entered on its twentieth year of work, having been in its present quarters at Swiss Cottage since 1892, states that during that time 1,556 patients have been admitted, and 1,066 have died within its walls. These were in the last stages of mortal illness, and came to the Home of Peace to be nursed and cared for until the end, because insufficient means and friendless condition debarred them from receiving such elsewhere, and their advanced disease rendered them ineligible for admission or retention by the general hospitals. Besides persons of English, Scotch, and Irish nationality, it has numbered amongst its patients, Frenchmen, Germans, Italians, Swiss, Swedes, and Armenians.

The Annual Report of the Humanitarian League for 1904 draws attention to a continued growth in the League's influence and activities, and takes credit for the fact that humanitarianism, instead of being regarded as a mere fad or eccentricity, "is now recognised, among thinking people, as an essential branch of ethics." The latest indication of the spread of humane opinions is the establishment of an Indian Department of the Humanitarian League; while among the other more important events of the year mention is made of the increasing success which has attended the League's exposure of the practice of flogging in the Navy, the protests against the Eton College hare-hunt, and the plea for the introduction of more humane methods in the slaughter of animals for food. The League expresses its obligations to London and provincial newspapers for assistance given to its work.

The authorities of the Sheffield Hospital for Infectious Diseases have arranged that telephone calls to the hospital may be made twice daily, at 2 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., concerning patients recorded in sections 1 (dangerously ill), 2 (very ill), and 4 (not so well) of their official bulletin. The telephone must not be used in other cases or at other times except by permission from the medical officers.

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