

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King has sent a donation of 100 guineas to the funds of the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, which is heavily in debt and in danger of being partially closed. His Majesty has also increased his annual subscription from 25 to 30 guineas.

The Prince of Wales on Monday afternoon paid a visit to Guy's Hospital, of which he is President.

The Princess of Wales has consented to allow the sixth cot founded by the Children's Salon in the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, to be named after her second son, Prince Albert, and Princess Louise Augusta has consented formally to name the cot on April 8th, on the occasion of her visit to the hospital.

Mr. Alfred Beit has informed the hon. treasurers of the Institute of Medical Sciences Fund (University of London) that he has decided to increase the amount of his donation to the Institute from £5,000 to £25,000. Mr. Beit desires by this gift to commemorate the great kindness of his friend Dr. Jameson, the Premier of Cape Colony, and the services of members of the faculty of medicine during an illness from which he has now recovered.

Lord Strathcona will take the chair at the festival dinner of the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic on Thursday, April 13th, in the Whitehall Rooms of the Hôtel Métropole, at 7 p.m.

Mr. J. Danvers Power has resigned the chairmanship of the National Hospital for the Paralysed and Epileptic in order to devote himself entirely to the Secretaryship of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London.

The Duke of Abercorn will preside at the annual meeting of governors of the West London Hospital, Hammersmith Road, which will take place at the hospital on Thursday, April 6th, at five o'clock.

The governors of Guy's Hospital have issued an appeal for £100,000, the balance of the funds asked for in 1901. This is required immediately to pay off indebtedness in respect of new buildings and renovations, which the age of the hospital make indispensable, and £15,000 additional income. The debt represents the balance of the cost of those necessary works of building and renovation commenced in 1897 and now practically completed. They consist of: The Henriette Raphael nurses' home, possessing complete accommodation for 227 persons; a new laundry, capable of dealing with upwards of 40,000 articles per week; a central station for the supply and distribution of light, heat, water, and power throughout the hospital buildings; an extension of the casualty department; open-air balconies to all the medical and surgical wards; an emergency ward for special casualty cases; additional operating-rooms; light treatment-installation; and reconstruction of drainage.

The receipts of the Metropolitan Hospital Saturday Fund from the workshops and business houses from

January 9th to March 11th have amounted to £2,548 as compared with £1,886 at the corresponding period of last year. The special annual collection has been fixed for Saturday, October 14th. The annual public meeting will be held on Saturday, April 29th. The Lord Mayor, who is the president of the fund, has kindly granted the use of the Egyptian Hall of the Mansion House, and has promised to preside. An address on "Sanatoria for Workers" will be given by Dr. Latham.

Amongst the institutions which benefit under the will of the late Mr. Richard Cadbury, of Birmingham, who ordered that the legacies should be handed to the beneficiaries six years after his death are the London Temperance Hospital, which receives £10,000, the General Hospital, Birmingham, and the Eye Hospital, Birmingham, £5,000 each, and the Birmingham Ear and Throat Hospital, and the Birmingham Orthopaedic Hospital, £2,500 each.

Sir Edward Dolman Scott, Bart, has bequeathed to the Walsall and District Hospital the sum of £5,000. As the Committee of the Hospital has for some time had under consideration the question of important extensions the legacy will be specially welcome.

An Anti-War League composed exclusively of medical men was recently formed at a gathering of French, English, and German doctors in Paris, when the proposal emanating from Dr. Riviere was unanimously agreed to. It was arranged that an international congress of doctors in favour of universal peace should be held in 1907 under the patronage of prominent people of all countries.

The *Petit Journal*, Paris, has published interesting particulars of a new and painless anaesthetic. This drug, which is obtained from a plant found in Japan, has been named scopolamine. It is administered by hypodermic injection, and has the effect of inducing deep sleep for eight or nine hours. Scopolamine, it is claimed, is far superior as an anaesthetic to any of the drugs at present in use for the purposes of operation, and has absolutely no after-effects.

There were a quarter of a million deaths from bubonic plague in India during January and February. A scientific expedition is being sent out from this country to make a thorough investigation into the origin and causes of the disease.

A charming bonus picture, entitled "Little Lady Bountiful," will be presented by Bovril, Ltd., to those who present coupons from bottles, jars, or tins of Bovril issued from September 1st, 1904, to June 30th, 1905, to the value of not less than 21s. The gravure has been reproduced from an original oil painting, by Fred Morgan, by the well-known Art Publishers, C. W. Faulkner and Co. The picture will be on view in London at the offices of the Company, 152, Old Street, E.C., as well as at their offices in Edinburgh and Dublin and in the larger provincial towns. Hospital authorities, where Bovril is in use, should note the opportunity, for although pictures have to a great extent now been banished from the walls of the wards "Little Lady Bountiful" would be a welcome addition to the decoration of any nurses' sitting-room.

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