

medical, children's, and, beneath them, the boys. There is a theatre with anæsthetic room, and recovery room, and an out-patient block rejoicing in the title of "The Jubilee."

We still want a lot; we want new kitchens and store-rooms, and little trifles like that. All the same, there are many very much more out-of-date hospitals than the Royal South Hants, and our Matron is a Registrationist too, one of the gallant little band of pioneers who are breaking down a gap, where the whole crowd will be presently charging through. It is only a trickle at present, but it will come sometime like a cataract, and may it come in my time—registration, legislation, and (let us hope) justice.

M. C. FAIR.

N.B.—A beautiful Nurses' Home now replaces the small house in the right-hand corner of our illustration.

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.

The Queen has sent her annual subscription of ten guineas to the East London Hospital for Children and Dispensary for Women, Shadwell.



Help is most urgently needed on behalf of the ninety-seven helpless and suffering little crippled children in the Alexandra Hospital for children with hip disease, Queen Square, Bloomsbury. At the present moment

there is only £160 10s. at the bankers, while the outstanding bills amount to £735. The hospital, which is under the special patronage of the Queen, is supported entirely by voluntary help.

Mr. Andrew Motion, Chairman of the Cannon Brewery, has withdrawn the offer of that firm to give £1,000 to the rebuilding fund of St. Bartholomew's Hospital for every £100,000 received up to £400,000. Mr. Motion is of opinion that he has a grievance against the Governors of the hospital because they do not consider his company entitled to nominate a Governor for every £50 so subscribed. On this basis, with £1,000 which it has already given, the brewery would nominate 100 Governors, which would practically place the control of the hospital in their hands.

While we can understand Mr. Motion's desire to carry his points at meetings of the Governors, we do not think the method by which he proposes to do so will commend itself to the majority of thinking persons. Nor, so the authorities of the hospital assert, was there any such condition as to representation imposed when the subscription was originally offered. As a rule, when a handsome donation is given to an institution, it is with the object of benefiting the charity, not of buying votes on its Governing Body.

At a special meeting of the Board of Delegates of the Metropolitan Hospital Saturday Fund, held at the Central Offices, Gray's Inn Road, on Saturday, Sir Savile B. Crossley, M.P. (chairman of the Fund), pre-

siding, it was unanimously resolved, on the recommendation of the Distribution Committee, that a sum of £21,861 13s. be awarded to the 198 participating institutions. The amount was allocated as follows:—Twenty-nine general hospitals, £7,736 19s.; sixty-seven special hospitals, £6,693 6s.; fifteen cottage hospitals, £287 13s.; thirty-one dispensaries, £953 4s.; twenty-five convalescent homes, £1,910 7s.; and thirty-one miscellaneous (including ambulance, distribution, and surgical appliance committees, also institutions for the gratuitous nursing of the sick poor in their own homes), £4,280 4s. The awards amounted to £1,078 17s. 5d. more than in the previous year, and three more charities participated.

A romantic story connected with a legacy of £100,000 to the Brompton Hospital is told in *Our Hospitals and Charities Illustrated*. In Stamford Street, off the Blackfriars Road, lived for many years an old maiden lady, Miss Cordelia Read. Her house in the middle of a row in Stamford Street had on either side several empty houses, which, though her own property, she refused to let to tenants. Isolation, indeed, seems to have been the only luxury she allowed herself. Otherwise, she lived extremely carefully, almost, from all accounts, penuriously. When she died she left the whole of her fortune to the Brompton Hospital, and the sum that accrued to it under her will amounted to over £100,000.

The trustees of the estate of the late Mr. Siegfried Rudolf Zunz have offered to make a grant of £3,000 to the East London Hospital for Children, Shadwell, towards the cost of the whooping-cough wards, &c., now in course of erection. The grant is coupled with the following conditions:—(a) That a ward shall be named and known in perpetuity as the "Annie Zunz" Ward; and (b) that the balance of the money required to complete the building (£10,000 in all) is obtained by June 30 next.

The new Convalescent Home in connection with the Women's Hospital at Birmingham will be opened this week by the Countess Beauchamp. The total cost of the new Hospital and Convalescent Home will be about £40,000, toward which the committee can see their way to £33,500. The new hospital will afford accommodation for about 1,000 patients per annum, whereas the present one is only able to deal with about 450, while there are hundreds waiting for admission. The committee are most anxious that the hospital should be opened free of debt. In order to accomplish this the sum of £7,000 remains still to be raised.

A good day's work was done by the subscribers of the Royal United Hospital, Bath, at their annual meeting. Following in the steps of up-to-date and sensible management, they filled the three vacancies on the House Committee by appointing three ladies by a large majority—Mrs. Silcock, Mrs. Edwards, and Mrs. L. Parsons. The ladies of Bath have been very good friends to this excellent institution in the past, providing all the linen and clothing necessary for the comfort of the patients. No doubt, now that they have official recognition on the Committee, they will redouble their efforts to help to raise the necessary funds for maintaining the efficiency of the hospital.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)