

The authorities of the London and of the Middlesex Hospitals are circumventing the decision of the King's Fund not to assist hospitals where any part of the funds subscribed by the public are used for the upkeep of the medical school by asking subscribers to notify the fact if they are willing that their subscriptions should be used in the support of medical education. While this method is legitimate, it is none the less regrettable as perpetuating a most undesirable system. The endowment of medical education should be a thing entirely apart from the upkeep of a hospital.

In distributing the prizes to the successful students of the Westminster Hospital Medical School last week, Mr. John Tweedy, President of the Royal College of Surgeons, referred to the recent arrangement whereby in the future the teaching of the preliminary will be entirely dissociated from that of the chemical sciences. The former, as we have already stated, will be conducted at King's College, and this, said Mr. Tweedy, he had no doubt would lay the foundation of a radical reform of the whole of the medical teaching in London.

At the distribution of prizes in connection with the Medical School of St. Thomas's Hospital last week, the Treasurer, Mr. J. G. Wainwright, who presided, said that the main difficulty in running such schools was financial. It had not been found possible in actual practice to raise the funds to meet the increased cost of medical education at the present day; and whilst the citizens of London had taken up the question of technical education in many of its branches, medical education, one of the most important of all, had been singularly neglected in London. The Archbishop of Canterbury, who distributed the prizes, said if they looked back through the centuries there were two great bodies of men who were always regarded as leaders of the people. Those two great bodies were those belonging to their profession and those belonging to his (the speaker's). People in almost all lands always trusted their doctor, and one of the characteristics of the medical profession was its absolute openness and readiness to communicate all the facts of life in its possession to all who had the necessary knowledge to understand them.

A committee, of which Lord Reay and Lord Monks-well are members, is organising a permanent memorial to be placed in University College Hospital, in remembrance of Dr. George Vivian Poore, who died last year. He was a physician on the hospital staff for thirty years, and for twenty years acted as professor of medical jurisprudence at the College, finally taking the chair of medicine.

The treasurers of St. Mary's Hospital gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a donation of £5,000 from Mrs. Thomas Wharrie towards the sum of £60,000 which is required to prevent the closing of some of the wards in the old hospital, and to enable the new wards in the Clarence wing to be furnished and occupied by patients.

Mrs. Stephen Ralli, of Hove, has founded at the Sussex County Hospital a complete Bacteriological and Pathological Laboratory in memory of her husband. The committee of the hospital have facilitated Mrs. Ralli's endeavour by placing at the disposal of the

work three rooms, now sub-divided into five, which are admirably suited for the object in view.

The sum of £50,000 has come to Gainsborough for the purposes of a hospital by the will of the late Mr. George Coupland, of Hemswell, Gainsborough, through the second marriage of his widow.

Sir George White, president of the Bristol Royal Infirmary, announced last week that the week's carnival held in Clifton in aid of the infirmary had realised a profit of £7,500 towards clearing off the accumulated debt of £15,000, and in order to wipe out the whole deficit at once he made a gift to the infirmary of another £7,500. He said that the citizens must now raise £35,000 for the improvements greatly needed to bring the institution up to modern requirements.

Miss Symers, a well-known philanthropic lady in Dundee, has given a donation of £1,000 towards providing better accommodation for nurses and servants at Dundee Victoria Hospital.

Mr. P. Birkmyre, of Broadstone, Port Glasgow, has intimated that he and his wife intend to give to Port Glasgow a cottage hospital, to be erected at a cost of £10,000. The hospital will consist of twenty-two beds.

Dr. Trosier, on behalf of Dr. Fournel, of the Lariboisière Hospital, Paris, recently read a paper before the Academy of Medicine on the treatment of Phthisis by the injection of "marine serum" or modified sea water. The results of this treatment are stated to be so striking that it appears as if scientists were on the brink of a great discovery.

In applying thermal cautery to a sailor in Bellevue Hospital, New York, Dr. Dubois Hunt scared the man with the word "Fakir." He asserted that he did it unconsciously because another doctor had said that the man was shamming, which was his own belief. Despite Hunt's pleadings, he was dismissed the hospital.

In order to provide medical aid for native women, says the *Lancet*, who are either unable or unwilling in consequence of their special customs to consult male practitioners, the Governor of Algeria is making arrangements for giving advice free of charge in the towns of the colony where the Mussulman population is sufficiently numerous. The practitioners will be females holding the diploma of Doctor of Medicine. The Government will supply them with consulting rooms and the requisite instruments, as well as with medicines for the use of necessitous patients. They will have an annual salary of 2,400 francs, rising to 2,700 and 3,000 francs, and those who have charge of infirmaries for natives will have an additional allowance of 600 francs. The Government of Algeria has made an urgent appeal to all female practitioners who may be disposed to second its views by undertaking this work.

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