

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Lord Mayor, Sir W. P. Treloar, presided last week, at the Mansion House, at the annual meeting of the Metropolitan Sunday Fund, which has collected £63,000 during the last year. It was decided that June 9th should be observed as Hospital Sunday next year.

There is every indication that the Hospital Saturday Fund will have a record collection this year.

Mr. Harold Barr Grimsdale, F.R.C.S. has been appointed Ophthalmic Surgeon to St. George's Hospital, S.W. in succession to Mr. W. Adams Frost who recently resigned this position. Referring to Mr. Grimsdale's appointment the *St. George's Hospital Gazette*, says: "A more popular choice could not have been made."

The Home Secretary has appointed Sir Kenelm Digby, Lord Stamford, and Sir William Collins, M.P., a Committee to enquire into the London street ambulance service, and how improvements can best be effected with due regard to efficiency and economy. It is well known that the present system is most inadequate, and that thereby much unnecessary suffering, and sometimes increased injury is caused by the lack of efficient arrangements for the transportation of accident cases to hospitals.

The Local Government Board has directed the resignation of the Medical Superintendent of the West Ham Workhouse Infirmary on the ground of default of the exercise of proper control in matters essential to good management. For many years past the want of discipline and good government in this institution have been notorious, and it is quite time that radical alterations were made.

The petition from members and supporters of the National Canine Defence League praying the House of Commons to pass a Dogs' Protection Bill which would except dogs from being made the subject of experiments for any purpose whatsoever, presented recently by Mr. Ellis Griffith (Anglesey) was on parchment, was nine miles long, weighed a quarter of a ton, and was subscribed by 400,000 signatories. The petition set forth that the petitioners were entirely opposed to the vivisection of dogs, generations of training and domestication as household companions having rendered them very intelligent, docile, and obedient, and peculiarly subject to terror.

While many members of the medical profession find increasing difficulty in securing a competency for themselves and their families, in spite of an expensive education and much hard work, the sale of patent medicines appears to bring in fortunes to those concerned. The will of the late managing

director of Mother Seigel's Syrup (Mr. Lyman Brown, of Manhattan, New York) has just been proved, and his estate in the United Kingdom is valued at £31,782. The proprietor of "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills" left £1,311,000, and Mr. Chas. E. Fulford and Mr. E. A. Gilbert (both of the Bile Beans Co.) left £67,187 and £31,252 respectively.

The Central Midwives' Board.

THE DECEMBER EXAMINATION.

An analysis of the authorities under which the 153 successful candidates, out of the 208 examined at the recent examination in London of the Central Midwives' Board, received their tuition, shows that 114 were sent up by the training schools, and 39 by private teachers. The percentage of failures was 26.4.

The results work out thus:—

Maternity Charity, Plaistow	...	...	27
Salvation Army Hospital...	...	...	11
Queen Charlotte's Hospital	...	...	9
Clapham Maternity Hospital	...	...	8
City of London Lying-in Hospital	...	...	8
East End Mothers' Home	...	...	6
British Lying-in Hospital	...	...	5
Brighton and Hove Hospital for Women	...	...	4
Essex County Nursing Association	...	...	4
General Lying-in Hospital, York Road	...	...	3
Rotunda Hospital, Dublin	...	...	3
Bristol Royal Infirmary	...	...	2
West Ham Union Infirmary	...	...	2
Liverpool Lying-in Hospital	...	...	2
Guy's Institution	...	...	2
London Hospital	...	...	2
Dundee Maternity Hospital	...	...	2
Jessop Hospital, Sheffield	...	...	2
Military Families' Hospital, Woolwich	...	...	2
Royal Derbyshire Nursing Association	...	...	2
Kensington Union Infirmary	...	...	1
Gloucestershire District Nursing Society	...	...	1
Greenwich Union Infirmary	...	...	1
Glasgow Maternity Hospital	...	...	1
Kingswood Cottage Nurses' Home	...	...	1
Louise Margaret Hospital, Aldershot	...	...	1
Ipswich Nurses' Home	1
Military Families' Hospital, Portsmouth	1
Private Tuition	39

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The following have been appointed Examiners for the London Centre: C. Nepean Longridge Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S.; G. F. Darwall Smith Esq., M.B., F.R.C.S.

The following gentlemen have been invited to accept appointment as Examiners for the Manchester Centre: R. Favell, M.R.C.S., L.S.A.; J. W. Martin, M.D.; J. Scott, M.D.; J. Prince Stallard, M.D.

The following gentleman has been appointed for the position of teacher: William Owen Evans, Esq., L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S.

Miss Elizabeth York has been recognised for the purpose of signing Forms III. and IV.

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