

## Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



Hearty congratulations to Mr. Charles Cutting, who has been elected to the office of secretary by the Board of Management of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Putney Heath. We hope his onerous new duties will still leave him time to use his graphic pen.

Mr. Charles Cutting has been Assistant Secretary at the Royal Free Hospital for over ten years. Before going to the Royal Free Hospital he was in Dr. Barnardo's chief offices, Stepney Causeway, for some years. He also resided at Balliol House, Toynbee Hall, and when there he was Editor of the House Journal. Perhaps Mr. Cutting is one of the most active, in a literary sense, among the younger London hospital officials. Our own readers may recollect that they have seen his name among our own pages. Two years or so ago he was awarded the prize offered by "The Academy" for the best story suitable for reading aloud to children.

Within the next few days the Hospital Sunday awards will be made to the various London medical charities participating. The latest official total (given at the offices) shows that the collections have reached £48,500; to this Mr. George Herring contributes one-fourth, making so far a sum of £60,622, a decrease upon 1905, when £78,379 16s. 1d. was realised.

At the annual meeting of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund Sir William Church stated that a very distinct advance had been made in their knowledge of the subject, and it encouraged them to proceed on the lines they were now working on. The full report was published in last week's *British Medical Journal*.

Anyone who has even a penny to spare at this time of year, should send it to the Children's Country Holiday Fund. It has been the means of sending many thousands of delighted youngsters into the country for a fortnight's fresh air.

At the half-yearly Court of Governors of the East London Children's Hospital, Shadwell, it was reported that a donation of £3,000 had been received from the Zunz Trustees, and a legacy of £5,000 under the will of the late Mr. Thomas Corbett, of Droitwich. The number of patients treated was the highest on record, the daily number of beds occupied being 106.50. Out-patients admitted numbered 18,477.

Large additions are to be made to the Salford Royal Hospital. At the monthly Board meeting held on Thursday, Mr. Edward Wood announced the receipt of a legacy of £2,000 from the estate of the late Miss Middleton through Mr. W. Hamilton, of Broughton Park, who is one of the trustees.

The Committee of Our Dumb Friends' League Receiving Shelters for Stray Cats reminds those who are leaving town that cats, otherwise left to starve, can be boarded at various establishments on their list at 116, Victoria Street, Westminster.

Last week a new and commodious Nurse's Home which has been built in connection with the West Bromwich District Hospital, was formally opened by Mrs. G. H. Chance in the presence of a large company. The new Home will provide accommodation for 24 nurses at a cost of about £3,400, and will greatly benefit the hospital in every way.

One part of Mr. Haldane's scheme of Army reorganisation has already been taken in hand by the Aldershot Army Corps—that affecting the Royal Army Medical Corps service.

An experimental field ambulance has been formed, and is now encamped at Frensham with the 1st Division as a trial.

The new organisation promises to simplify medical service in the field and gives greater facilities for attention to the sick and wounded. It can be expanded almost indefinitely on emergency.

The Glasgow Health Convenor has reported to the Glasgow Corporation the prevalence of the mysterious disease styled "spotted fever."

Since March sixty-nine cases have been treated in hospital, of whom forty-eight have died, besides twelve others who have not been conveyed to hospital. The deaths were all of children under ten years of age. The corporation ordered the complaint to be classed under notifiable diseases.

## The Central Midwives' Board.

A meeting of the Central Midwives' Board, was held at Caxton House, Westminster, on Thursday, July 26th. Dr. Champneys presiding.

### RESOLUTION OF ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS.

The first business considered was a letter from Mr. J. Ward Cousins, who was unable to be present, asking the Secretary to report to the Board the following resolution, passed by the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England on July 12th.

"That in the opinion of the Council of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, it is essential for the efficient working of the Midwives' Act, that adequate provision be made to secure just remuneration for professional services rendered by medical men when called into attendance by midwives practising under the Act."

This resolution must secure general sympathy. It is only right that the medical practitioner summoned in an emergency shall have a guarantee that his fee will be forthcoming. At the same time it is not fair on a midwife summoning medical assistance in compliance with the instructions of the Central Midwives' Board that she should be responsible for its payment.

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