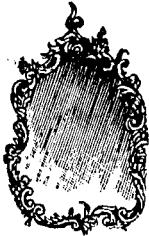


Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The King was present at the British-Canadian Festival Concert in aid of the Countess of Minto's Hospitals in Canada, held in the Queen's Hall.

The hospitals are cottage hospitals for British immigrants, and are situated throughout Manitoba, the North-West Territories, and British Columbia, and the concert, which was organised by Dr. C. A. E. Harriss, of Ottawa, had the co-operation of distinguished British musicians of the first rank.

The Annual Summer Concert given by the members of the Junior Staff and of the Musical Society at St. Bartholomew's Hospital is always a very pleasant affair. This year it took place on Friday, June 29th, and, as usual, the Great Hall was well filled—most of the visiting and house staff were present, and Miss Isla Stewart and many Sisters and nurses represented the nursing staff, while the students helped to form a most appreciative audience. The hon. conductor of the orchestra, Mr. Edward Carwardine, and the conductor of the chorus, Mr. W. B. Grandage, are to be congratulated on the successful programme. Two songs given by members of the nursing staff "Sealed Orders," by Nurse Henry, and Braga's "Serenata," by Nurse Pugh (with violin obligato by Mr. T. H. King)—both had rousing encores.

During the thirty minutes' interval, refreshments were served in the Square, which was lighted with hundreds upon hundreds of fairy lamps, the effect being delightful. Although the evening was somewhat cold the little tables, arranged for four people, and lavishly supplied with strawberries and cream and other delectable dainties, were greatly appreciated, and few returned to the Great Hall until a bugle call from one of the windows warned them that the second part of the programme was about to begin.

Not a little of the success of the evening must be attributed to Mr. R. L. E. Downer, who presided at the piano with much geniality and distinction.

The treasurer of St. Thomas's Hospital (Mr. J. G. Wainwright), in a report to the governors, states that the whole of the new works, including the casualty ward, the theatres, and the administrative block, had been in operation during last year and proved of immense value. There had been a reduction of nearly £5,500 in the outlay for the general maintenance of the hospital, a saving of over £13 per bed. The new nurses' home would give accommodation for 185 nurses. The home for paying patients would be under the same roof. The total number of patients last year had been higher than ever, numbering

84,569, of whom 6,451 were in-patients, 19,738 out-patients, 56,331 casualties, 1,941 maternity cases, and 108 vaccinations. Of these 597 died. The average daily number of patients was 459 and the mean residence in days was 26. The total number of beds was 603, of which 42 were reserved for paying patients. In the latter class 567 persons were treated last year, of whom 22 died. Without making any deduction for the cost of out-patients, the expense per occupied bed was £124. The hospital had to pay £2,767 for rates and taxes, an extremely heavy item for a charity which treated the poor of the district to meet. The treasurer hoped that Parliament might pass a measure to grant hospitals relief in that very important matter. The total expenditure last year was £57,269.

Under the Presidency of the Right Hon. Sir Edward Fry, P.C., B.A., LL.D., F.R.S., the Twenty-Third Congress of the Royal Sanitary Institute opens at Bristol on Monday, July 9th, by a reception of Members and Delegates in the Council House by the Lord Mayor.

A Health Exhibition in the Drill Hall will be a great feature of the Congress.

There are to be seven special conferences of Municipal Representatives, Medical Officers of Health, Engineers and Surveyors to County and other Sanitary Authorities, Veterinary Inspectors, Sanitary Inspectors, Women on Hygiene, and On the Hygiene of School Life.

The North Eastern Hospital for Children in the Hackney Road is situated in one of the poorest and most thickly populated parts of London, and from small beginnings it has gradually grown into quite a large institution—containing 125 beds and doing excellent work.

On Monday last the Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs of the City, paid the hospital a visit, to perform the ceremony of opening the new Nurses' Home and Model Laundry, and in consequence the whole place was looking its very best to welcome the king of the City.

Colonel Lord William Cecil, the Chairman of the General Committee, said that the cost of the Nurses' Home—£8,000—had been covered by special donations, and that £2,500 was needed to complete the payments in respect of the Laundry. Sir Walter Johnson informed the Lord Mayor that the Committee hoped to save £800 a year by means of the new Laundry. The inspection of the Home and Laundry followed, the Lady Mayoress starting the machinery for the first wash to be undertaken by the Hospital.

The King of the Belgians has signed a decree establishing a prize of £8,000 to be awarded to any one, regardless of nationality, who shall discover a cure for sleeping sickness; and opening a credit of £12,000 to be allotted towards the furtherance of research as to the treatment and prophylaxis of the disease,

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