

reading rooms. There is also the indispensable lift. The Home is managed by five Sisters, Servants of the Sacred Heart, from The Mother House, at Versailles, France, under the Director and Physician, Dr. Louis Vintras. My best thanks are due to the gentle Sister who showed and explained everything in such a courteous and delightful manner.

MIRIAM BRIDGES.

The Jubilee of the Biblewomen and Nurses' Mission.

The Jubilee Meeting of the London Biblewomen and Nurses' Mission was held at the Caxton Hall, Westminster, on Tuesday, the 19th. The meeting was announced for 3 p.m. but long before that time the large hall was crowded by the friends and supporters of the Society.

The Earl of Harrowby presided, and addresses were given by the Lord Bishop of London, the Rev. Canon Walpole, Professor Clifford Allbutt, Lord Kinnauld, and others.

In his opening address, the Earl of Harrowby said that the meeting called that day was for a special purpose, namely, to commemorate fifty years of good, sound work, accomplished by the Mission; work which was carried on in a quiet, unostentatious manner amongst the poor of London. It was also a fitting time to make a general appeal to the public for monetary aid, and one of the objects of the gathering was to infuse fresh interest, and to get new members, so that the work might be continued and enlarged. They wished to raise a Jubilee Fund of £10,000, such sum to be divided between the general work and the hostel.

The Bishop of London, in a moving speech, referred to the sadness of life, and the grinding poverty, of the poor in the slums, and he pointed out that an enormous amount of the sickness and suffering in these districts could never be covered by hospitals. Nurses were wanted on the spot, women with a high moral standard, and who also were endowed with womanly tact. Such quickly gained the confidence and affection of the poor, and their visits were looked forward to with eagerness and pleasure.

At the present time, 85 Biblewomen and 70 Nurses are working in connection with the Mission. It is noteworthy that both divisions are carefully trained for their special work.

The Mission was originally established in Seven Dials by Mrs. Ranyard, her object being to bring religion to the poor by "the quiet ministry of women."

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



The Prince and Princess of Wales were present at the benefit matinée at the Royalty Theatre last Friday, the proceeds of which are to be divided between the French Hospital, the French Benevolent Fund in London, and the Lord Mayor's Fund for the victims of the Jamaica disaster.

The Duchess of Albany has consented to perform the ceremony of laying the memorial stone of the Infants' Hospital now in course of erection in Vincent Square, Westminster, on Thursday, May 2nd.

Lord Ludlow, the treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has received from the executors of the late Mr. Samuel Lewis the sum of £2,000, being a second payment on account of the legacy of £10,000 bequeathed to the fund.

St. George's Hospital, S.W., has received a welcome legacy of £20,000 under the will of Miss Anna Newton, of Chiswick. Subject to the payment of her funeral and testamentary expenses, she has left the whole of her property to be applied to the general purposes of the hospital.

At the eighty-sixth annual court of the Seamen's Hospital Society, last week, at which the Marquess of Graham presided, it was announced that the Prince of Wales had become an annual subscriber. Also that the Co-operative Cruising Company had collected on board the steam yacht Argonaut a sum of £1,000, which was to be devoted to the endowment of a bed in the branch hospital.

We regret that Sir Richard Biddulph Martin, Treasurer of St. Mark's Hospital, City Road, E.C., should have to report to the annual meeting that the Committee had been compelled to sell out stock to meet pressing demands, and that the sum of £1,000 in new annual subscriptions was essential for the maintenance of the work at the present level.

In view of the fact that cerebro-spinal meningitis is spreading rapidly in some parts, the Port Sanitary Authority of London has taken the precaution of making the disease one of a notifiable character. The medical officers of the Port are keeping a very sharp look-out for anyone suffering from the disease. Cases are reported from many parts of the kingdom.

Miss Standering, of Audus Street, Selby, has made arrangements to build, equip, and endow a hospital for the use of women and children of the township.

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