

security of land of any tenure or in or upon such investments (whether authorised by law for the investment of trust funds or not) as the President may think fit and any investments may in like manner be varied from time to time or realised and the proceeds applied for the purposes of this Act. Land belonging to the Corporation may subject only to the consent of the President be sold leased or otherwise dealt with by the Corporation with the powers of an absolute owner. Any investments forming part of the Fund at the passing of this Act may be continued and the same and any investments heretofore made shall be deemed to have been made under the authority of this Act.

THE provisions of section 5 of the Mortmain Act 1891 as to the sale of land assured by Will to or for the benefit of a charitable use shall not apply to gifts by Will to the Corporation.

9. *Gifts subject to conditions.*—THE Corporation may accept gifts and endowments of real and personal estate either for special purposes of the Corporation or in aid of the general purposes thereof and upon such terms and conditions (not inconsistent with the objects of the Corporation) as may be agreed upon between the Corporation and the person bestowing such gifts and endowments.

10. *Indemnity.*—ALL persons hitherto acting in the management and application of the Fund shall be indemnified by virtue of this Act in respect of all acts and things done by them or any of them in the execution or intended execution in good faith of the trusts of the Fund as heretofore constituted.

11. *Costs of Acts.*—THE costs charges and expenses preliminary of and incidental to preparing and obtaining this Act shall be paid by the Corporation.

### Hospital Sunday Fund.

The collections made in the various places of worship in London for the Hospital Sunday Fund last year resulted in the receipt of £44,633, being £4,323 less than the sum raised in 1905. It will be seen from the following analysis that the contributions of the Church of England constitute rather more than three-fourths of the whole amount collected: Church of England £35,742 15s. 9d., Congregationalists £1,967 19s. 3d., Jews £1,562 7s. 7d., Presbyterians £1,153 16s. 8d., Wesleyans £1,004 7s. 2d., Baptists £859 19s. 1d., Roman Catholics £553 0s. 8d., Unitarians £363 3s., Theistic Church £325, Church of Scotland £223 12s. 7d., German Lutherans £115 10s. 9d., Society of Friends £100, Catholic Apostolic £95 5s. 6d., Greek Church £90 5s., Foreign Protestants £87, Swedenborgians £21 18s. 11d., Reformed Episcopal Church £21 17s. 2d., Methodist (Welsh Calvinistic) £20 1s. 1d., Methodist (Primitive) £13 11s. 7d., Free Church of England £12 3s., Methodist (United Free Church) £11 7s. 4d., Methodist (New Connexion) £2 13s. 6d., Moravians £2 12s. 3d., Various £282 15s. 4d.; total £44,633 13s. 2d. St. Paul's Cathedral again heads the list with a collection of £4,812 4s. 8d., whilst St. Michael's Chester Square, sends £1,357, and Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, £1,012.

### Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



At a meeting held last week at the Royal College of Physicians, at which Sir William Church presided, the name of the "Royal Society of Medicine" was decided upon as that by which the medical societies which have recently amalgamated shall henceforth be known. The Societies included are: The Royal Medical and Chirurgical Society, the Obstetrical Society, the Gynecological Society, the Clinical Society, the Pathological Society, the Laryngological Society, the Neurological Society, the Odontological Society, and the Dermatological Society.

Lord Ludlow, Treasurer of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has received a grant of £500 from the executors of Mr. Alfred Beit.

We are glad that the Council of Charing Cross Hospital is able to record in its 86th Annual Report a considerable improvement in the financial position. The income for the past year was £15,854, compared with £11,911 in 1905, the increase in donations being largely due to the generous gift of £2,500 from Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bischoffsheim. The Council state that while the improvement effected in the finances affords ground for satisfaction, much remains to be done before its position can be regarded as absolutely sound.

The treasurer of Guy's Hospital has received a bequest of £1,000 under the will of Dr. Charles James Oldham, of Brighton, for the purpose of endowing an annual prize in ophthalmology at the medical school. A further anonymous donation of £200 has been received for the Fund for the Endowment of Medical Education and Research.

The matinée given last week at the Waldorf Theatre in aid of a projected middle-class London hospital, to be called the Knollys Memorial Hospital, was very successful, and the Secretary, Miss Wortabet, and all concerned are to be congratulated.

A meeting on behalf of the Medical Aid Society, which was established in 1879 to provide medical and surgical advice for ladies whose small means render them unable to pay the usual fees, takes place, by the kind permission of the Bishop of London, at London House, 32, St. James's Square, S.W., on Friday, March 8th, at 3.15. The Lady Frances Balfour will preside, and the speakers will be Miss Fanny Brough, Miss Garrett Anderson, M.D., and the Rev. P. N. Waggett, S.S.J.E. The scope of the Society's work is increasing so rapidly that the funds are inadequate to meet the expenses, and the Committee earnestly appeal for more subscriptions and donations.

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