

Reflections.

FROM A BOARD ROOM MIRROR.



On Hospital Sunday, June 21st, the Lord Mayor and the Sheriffs will attend in state at the morning service at Westminster Abbey, at the afternoon service at St. Paul's Cathedral, and at the evening service at the City Temple, Holborn Viaduct. His Majesty's judges will be present at the service at St. Paul's.

The painful forms of disease, to treat which St. Mark's Hospital for fistula and other diseases of the rectum was founded, are only too prevalent in every class of life, and there is always a certain amount of delicacy in discussing them in general society. Sir Richard B. Martin, the Treasurer, is now making an earnest appeal in support of this much needed hospital. A list of patients is perpetually on the books waiting admission. One very pressing need is the thorough warming and ventilating of the main wards. To accomplish this it will be necessary to instal a special double-fire stove in each ward, at the cost of £300. To replace capital no less than £5,000 is urgently needed. Excellent work, both medical and nursing, is done in this hospital.

On Thursday, May 28th, the Cottage Hospital, Finchley, of which Mr. Ebenezer Homan, J.P., is President, and Mr. W. H. Cross Chairman, was opened. Mr. and Mrs. Homan recently celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of their marriage, in commemoration of which he has given the site and a considerable sum of money to the new hospital. The very pretty wards looked especially bright on the opening day, and it is needless to say that with Mr. Cross, who for many years was Clerk to the Governors at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and knows most things that there are to know about hospitals, as Chairman, that the fittings of bath-rooms and lavatories, and the sanitary arrangements generally, are exceptionally good.

The Matron is Miss A. Clark, until recently Sister Elizabeth at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and Miss L. A. Moore, from the same institution, has been appointed Staff Nurse. Refreshments were served on the opening day in a marquee, and a pretty ceremony was the presentation of a bouquet to Mrs. Homan. It is proposed to admit the first patients this week.

The Forty-ninth Annual Report of the North Ormesby Hospital, Middlesbrough, affords evidence of the need for, and appreciation of, hospital work once its value has been demonstrated. The hospital, which has the distinction of being the first cottage hospital, no longer answers to that description, for, when the wing, which has recently been added, is opened, it will contain 110 beds for in-patients. The Council record their thanks for

the never failing devotion of the Mother and Sisters of the Holy Rood who have charge of the nursing of the hospital.

After a considerable period of ill-health, the Secretary of University College Hospital, Mr. Newton H. Nixon, has found himself unable to resume the duties of his post, and has in consequence retired. He has been granted a substantial pension by the hospital authorities.

Earl Cawdor, the treasurer of the London Homœopathic Hospital, Great Ormond Street, W.C., has received the sum of 1,000 guineas for the endowment of a bed in the new extension, in memory of Dr. George Napoleon Epps, from his daughters and sons.

The Queen is to inspect the new out-patients' department at the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street, W.C., at an early date.

The Prince of Wales, as President of King Edward's Hospital Fund for London, has received from Lord Mount Stephen 5,000 shares of the Great Northern Railway Company of the United States, yielding an annual income of £7,000, as an addition to the invested capital of the Hospital Fund. Lord Mount Stephen's previous gifts to the Fund were £200,000 in 1902 and £200,000 in 1905.

Lord Mount Stephen has also given £26,758 for the permanent improvement of the Royal Infirmary, Aberdeen.

The Festival Dinner in aid of the West London Hospital brought subscriptions to the amount of £4,254, which must have greatly gratified the Chairman, the Duke of St. Albans, and Mr. Gilbert, the Secretary.

PROTESTANT HOSPITAL, BORDEAUX.

The annual report has just come out. During the year 1907 there has been a great increase in the work, yet financially the position is good. The expenses went up to 59,933 francs, but 63,132 francs have been received. The hospital gave 12,010 days of nursing to patients presenting most varied diseases (medical, surgical, special), many contagious fever cases, and yet no spread of these diseases happened, thanks to the careful nursing. Fourteen confinements took place, and 56 major operations. In the out-patient department 11,357 consultations were given, 3,120 dressings made, 838 cases of electrotherapy attended to, 215 minor operations performed, 90 vaccinations, and 1,489 times was the physic ordered by the doctors given free of charge. The nursing school is flourishing, and applications are received from all parts in France. The striking side of this school is the fact that nurses, after they end their two years' training, get their certificate, and are then quite independent, and can, according to their taste, either go to work in a civil hospital or do private nursing. The Bordeaux Nursing Schools are the only two training schools in France where the nurses are not requested to do private nursing or to remain for a time in the hospital for the advantage of the school administration.

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