

FOUNDER'S DAY AT EPSOM COLLEGE.

A large company assembled at Epsom College on July 27th to celebrate Founder's Day, with distribution of prizes to the boys and the dedication of the Jubilee Memorial Window. At choral evensong in the College Chapel Mr. Henry Morris, Treasurer of Epsom College, was requested by the Head Master, Dr. T. N. H. Smith-Pearse, to unveil the east window in the Chapel.

ADDRESS BY MR. HENRY MORRIS.

Before unveiling the window Mr. Henry Morris, P.R.C.S., Treasurer of the College, addressed the congregation as follows: "Founder's day, which annually brings us here together, is this year a special occasion, because of the Jubilee Memorial window which is now about to be unveiled, and which immediately afterwards will be dedicated with all the sacred ceremony of a religious rite. The thought of celebrating the Jubilee of the College by beautifying the chancel of our chapel by this new East window was originated, I believe, by Mrs. Smith-Pearse, and certainly she has bestowed a great deal of time and labour in accomplishing her object. The idea was that the window should be the product of an appeal made chiefly, if not exclusively, to old Epsomians, and this idea has been fairly well realized. The window itself will, I think, be regarded by all as a tribute worthy of the occasion, as a great ornament to the chapel and as a pictorial expression of the veneration and reverence suitable to the solemnity and sanctity of a house devoted to divine service. The window and the sentiment which it embodies would have delighted the spirit of the humane and warm-hearted founder of the College. As a work of art, in its conception and execution, it cannot fail to be a permanent source of gratification and satisfaction to the donors; whilst it will recall to the minds of those who examine it, and think upon it, examples in life of self-sacrifice and courage, of benevolence and fortitude, of charity and loving-kindness. May we not expect that this beautiful window will be an incentive to, and a forerunner of, the reconstruction of the body of this chapel in a size of greater dimensions, and in a style consistent with the eastern or chancel end of the chapel? May we not hope that present and future Epsomians looking upon this window will see there a witness of the fact that the old Epsomians of the pre-jubilee period came back to their Alma Mater, as it were, to erect it as an emblem of the love and gratitude they carry in their hearts towards their old school? May we not also express the hope that those here now and those who will follow in the times to come will find in the subjects which are portrayed in this window promptings to guide them rightly in their careers of life? In the words of our president, the Earl of Rosebery, which he used in an address delivered several years ago when referring to the thousands of emigrants who annually leave our shores to settle in different parts of the world, may we not express the hope that those who now and in the future come to study in this school, and to worship in this chapel with this superb window in front of them may go forth from here as a broad and bright and beneficent river of life, fertilizing as the Nile, beloved as the Ganges, and sacred as the Jordan; and that like the fabled fountain Arethusa, which, passing under the sea from Greece to Sicily, yet retained its original source in Arcadia, so the old Epsomians of the future may be able to trace back the source of their useful and honourable careers to the impressions they received at school, and to the inspirations they derived from the contemplation of such actions and motives as are illuminated in the window which I will now unveil to you?"

DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

After Mr. Morris had performed the ceremony the window was dedicated by the Dean of Winchester with a special prayer. The congregation then left the chapel and immediately reassembled in the Hall of the College, where the Head Master introduced the Dean of Winchester, and called upon him to present the more important prizes. The Dean, in the course of his address, dwelt on the importance of the cultivation by boys of the habit of close observation.

After the prize-giving the cadet corps gave a display in the college grounds, and the visitors inspected the college.

Amongst those present were Sir W. S. Church, Sir Constance Holman, Dr. Needham, Dr. Godson and Mr. Kiallmark.

BRITISH MEDICAL BENEVOLENT FUND.

At the July meeting of the Committee reference was made by the Chairman to the recent death of Sir William Broadbent, the President, and a resolution was passed to express the Committee's deep regret and sympathy, and to record their sense of the invaluable services rendered by him to the Fund.

The banking account was reported to show a deficit, and it was therefore necessary, having regard to the urgent nature of the applications, to draw upon a small reserve fund created after the last special appeal. No fewer than thirty-two cases were considered, and grants amounting to £256 voted in relief, one applicant only being passed over. The sums given were in most instances smaller than usual, and much disappointment has consequently been caused. Appended is an abstract of the cases assisted.

1. Daughter, aged 62, of late M.D. St. Andrews, who practised in Devonshire. Only income an annuity of £11, and has been obliged through ill-health to give up post as companion. Voted £12.
2. Widow, aged 71, of M.R.C.S. Eng., L.R.C.P. Edin., who practised in Lancashire. Is at present penniless, but has a chance of receiving an allowance if certain unavoidable expenses can be met. Voted £20.
3. Daughter, aged 66, of late M.R.C.S., L.S.A., who practised in Wales. Has a small annuity and a little help from relatives, but means are insufficient to bear the unavoidable expenses of moving from unsuitable lodgings. Voted £2.
4. Widow, aged 61, of M.D. Edin., who practised in Liverpool. No income; a small weekly allowance received from a Lancashire benevolent institution will shortly cease. Health delicate. Two children, unable to help. Voted £12.
5. Widow, aged 50, of M.B., C.M. Aber., who practised in Fifeshire, and has recently died from phthisis after a long illness. Expects to have an income of about £20 a year and proposes to take boarders. Three children, the eldest 13. Voted £12.
6. Widow, aged 37, of M.B., C.M. Aber., who practised in Pembrokehire. Quite unprovided for at recent death of husband. Slight help from relatives, and is endeavouring to obtain boarders. Two children, aged 9 and 7. Voted £5.
7. Widow, aged 67, of M.R.C.S. Eng., who was a surgeon in the Indian Emigration Service. No income, no children. Voted £12.
8. Widow, aged 51, of M.R.C.S., L.S.A., who practised in Lincolnshire and London. No income; a little assistance from a struggling son-in-law; children unable to help. Voted £12.
9. Widow, aged 62, of L.S.A., who practised in Derbyshire. No income; dependent on a son earning a small weekly wage. Health very indifferent. Relieved six times, £66. Voted £12.
10. Widow, aged 56, of L.R.C.P. Lond., who practised in Wales. Income £13 a year, and receives a little help from a Masonic charity. Relieved twice, £10. Voted £5.
11. Widow, aged 62, of M.R.C.S., who practised in Liverpool. Earns a few shillings a week by giving music lessons. Relieved nine times, £77. Voted £5.
12. Daughter, aged 26, of late M.D., who practised in Middlesex. Physically and mentally unable to earn a living. Relieved twice, £15. Voted £5.
13. Daughter, aged 57, of late M.R.C.S., L.S.A., who practised in Hants. Income £15 a year, and receives a little help from brothers. Failing eyesight interferes with needlework, by which applicant had supplemented her small means. Relieved twice, £12. Voted £5.
14. Daughter, aged 37, of M.D., who practised in Gloucestershire. Has been a cripple for many years, and recently has been compelled to incur some extra and quite unavoidable expenses. Relieved twice, £12. Voted £5.
15. Daughter, aged 39, of late M.D. Edin., who practised in London. No income; is a governess, but finds increasing difficulty in obtaining posts. Relieved six times, £25. Voted £5.
16. Daughter, aged 37, of late L.F.P.S. Glasg., who was a Surgeon in the Royal Navy. Is a nurse, but has been incapacitated for nearly two years, and for several months will only be allowed slight and occasional occupation. Relieved once, £12. Voted £5.
17. Widow, aged 53, of M.B. Cantab. who practised in London. No income; endeavours to support herself by washing, needlework, etc. Slight help from children, three of whom are in service. Relieved four times, £53. Voted £12.
18. Daughter, aged 55, of late M.R.C.S., L.S.A., who practised in Buckinghamshire. Income £5 a year; does a little teaching, but earnings decrease each year. Relieved six times, £68. Voted £5.
19. Widow, aged 38, of M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., who practised in London. No income; supports herself as a working house-