

Manly, Mrs. Bachelor, Miss Bradshaw, Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Catterson Smith, etc. Several others were prevented being present by illness and absence from home. Miss Hampson was supported on her right by Mrs. Kildare Treacy, President of the Irish Nurses' Association, and on her left by Mrs. Manning, President of the Irish Matrons' Association.

At the conclusion of dinner, Mrs. Kildare Treacy proposed a toast to the King, which was duly honoured, remarking that she had only crossed that day from England, where she had the pleasure of seeing their Majesties as they returned from Ireland, both looking pleased with their trip across the Channel.

A beautiful basket of roses, with sprays of shamrock, tied with St. Patrick's blue ribbon, was presented on behalf of those present, to Miss Hampson, by Mrs. Kildare Treacy, as a slight token of their affection and regret. The latter alluded to Miss Hampson's re-organisation of the training of Nurses at the Rotunda Hospital, by obtaining for them proper accommodation, more reasonable hours of duty, and good teaching, so that it is now considered one of, if not the best maternity training schools.

Mrs. Treacy also spoke of Miss Hampson's help in forming the Irish Nurses' Association, to which she had given liberally both time and money. They realised that in her departure, the Association would lose one of its best friends, and staunchest supporters.

Miss Hampson replied suitably, thanking her friends for the charming gift, and for their kind thought of entertaining her at dinner, an honour not often paid to a woman. She was both pleased and touched by this mark of friendship.

It was with keen regret that she decided to give up her place amongst them. Miss Hampson alluded to the time, 15 years ago, when she began her work at the Rotunda. Her chief aim had been to raise the standard of nursing, so that by skill and attention its nurses would uphold the fame already earned for the Hospital by its doctors at home and abroad.

In which aim her Irish nurses rendered her every assistance, as their intuitive sympathy made of them intelligent nurses, unusually quick to recognise changes in the condition of their patients, women with whom she had worked with both confidence and pleasure. Miss Hampson concluded by wishing the Irish Nurses' Association success and prosperity, and expressed the hope that its members would uphold State Registration. She had adopted its principles after due consideration, although she received her early training in a school opposed to it; also that the members would continue their social gatherings, which she found helpful in promoting good feeling and in forming many pleasant friendships.

Coffee was served in the drawing room; then, with kindly farewells, and hopes of meeting in the near future, the party dispersed.

A telegram was received from Miss Roberts wishing all a happy evening.

Royalty at St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

OPENING OF THE NEW OUT-PATIENTS' DEPARTMENT.

Palatial is the only word which fitly describes the new outpatient and casualty department at Bart's, the foundation stone of which was laid more than three years ago by the King, and the whole hospital was *en fête* on Monday afternoon when it was opened by the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Upon their arrival, their Royal Highnesses were received in the Great Hall by the Treasurer, Lord Ludlow, and Lady Ludlow, the Almoners, the Senior Physician, and Surgeon, the Matron, and Mr. Thomas Hayes, the Clerk.

Here took place a pretty little ceremony, when Lady Ludlow presented to the Princess a lovely bouquet of mauve orchids, the colour of her gown, and Miss Stewart handed a bouquet of exquisite shaded pink carnations to Lady Ludlow. The Lord Mayor awaited the Prince and Princess in the large Waiting Hall of the new building, where the ceremony was opened with prayer for the hospital's patients and workers by the Arch-deacon of London.

The Treasurer then addressed the Prince of Wales, pointing out that the new building would add greatly to the efficiency of the institution, both as a place for the relief of present suffering and for that enlargement of medical knowledge which will lead to the prevention or the cure of disease in future times and all over the world.

The Prince in reply said it was interesting to note how, from the earliest days, the British Sovereigns or their families had been personally associated with the Hospital; and it was his pride that the presidency, so long held by his father, should have been continued in him. "We have reason to congratulate ourselves," he went on, "upon the achievement we are able to inaugurate to-day, for the building will add greatly to the efficiency of the Hospital. Better accommodation for the nurses still remains to be provided; and I wish all success for the fund which has been started by Lady Ludlow for the erection of a nurses' home. I trust that at no distant date this important addition may be made."

He then formally declared the buildings open.

The Princess of Wales, in answer to the Treasurer, expressed her willingness to be admitted a Governor of the Hospital; and, in accordance with ancient custom, the formal "charge" was read by the Clerk of the Hospital. In this occurred the passage: "It is your duty and charge to acquit yourself in that office with all faithfulness and sincerity; endeavouring that the affairs and business of the said Hospital may be well ordered and managed; and promoting the weal and advantage of the poor wounded, sick, maimed, and diseased persons harboured in the said Hospital."

A copy of the Governor's charge and a Governor's staff were then handed to the Princess by

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