

Fraulein Karll lives a life full of incident, and has just returned to Berlin after a delightful visit to the Palatinate as the guest of the Bavarian Women's Association, where, at the beautiful little town of Neustadt a.d. Haardt, she enjoyed lovely sunny spring days, whilst attending the meetings.

One day she told the assembly of the wonderful work which is being accomplished by the German Nurses' Association, and her eloquent speech was listened to with the deepest interest, and enthusiastically applauded.

In Germany people know nothing of nursing progress and organisation, as most of the nurses belong to the religious orders, and are not permitted to come much in touch with the public, nor discuss public questions.

To prove the appreciation of Fraulein Karll's address, she was at once invited to go to Munich, and to other cities, in the autumn, to enlighten women on nursing matters—educational and social. In thanking her for her eloquent speech, the President remarked that such information from members of the profession themselves, from their own practical experience, was invaluable for the instruction of women in general. "So you see the soil is ready in Germany," writes a valued friend, "and as soon as we have better training schools we shall soon get the nurses we want, the educated, well-trained girls we now need so sorely."

### The Registered Nurses' Society.

At the meeting of the Committee of the above Society, held on Saturday last, nine candidates were elected to membership after three months' probation, and three new candidates were selected for the usual term of probation.

The Secretary, Miss Cartwright, reported that in the past quarter a larger number of members had been engaged, more calls refused, and a higher financial success attained than in any former quarter.

Six members proposed to attend the Nursing Conference at Paris, so that the Society would be well represented.

Mr. Annan Bryce, M.P., has given notice that he will oppose the second reading of the Nurses and Private Nursing Homes (Registration) Bill, promoted by the Royal British Nurses' Association. This "portmanteau" Bill cannot commend itself to anyone who understands business.

## The Hospital World

### THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, GLASGOW.

The Glasgow Royal Infirmary is one of the wonderful old hospitals, in which splendid pioneer medical and nursing work has been done—and now the grand old pile is to be entirely reconstructed, and a new hospital built as a magnificent memorial to Queen Victoria.

It was becoming, therefore, that the foundation stone should be laid by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales—and Glasgow gave a royal welcome to the Prince and Princess last Wednesday, when with much ceremony the stone was placed.

On entering the precincts of the Royal Infirmary the Prince and Princess were received by Lord Provost Bilsland in his capacity as Chairman of the Infirmary, and amongst those who had the honour of being presented to them were the leading governors and officials, amongst them the Matron, Mrs. Strong, and the two lady managers, Lady Chisholm, and Mrs. James W. Napier. The nursing staff of the institution also took part in the ceremony in a charming and effective manner—for after the cheering had died away their voices were heard singing "God Save the King."

A loyal address read by Mr. J. D. Hedderwick was officially signed by representatives of the lay and medical Committees—to which the Prince of Wales made a congratulatory reply. His Royal Highness expressed his sympathy with the progressive spirits of the citizens of Glasgow, who, while recognising the great work accomplished by the Royal Infirmary for more than a century, realised that neither in construction nor equipment was it capable of meeting the various requirements (medical and surgical) of the present day. The Prince also expressed the satisfaction of the Royal Family at the kind tribute of Glasgow in deciding to make the reconstruction scheme a memorial to the late Sovereign, as nothing would have appealed more nearly to her heart.

Loud cheers followed the actual ceremony of laying the stone. The royal party then visited the electrical pavilion, a guard of honour, composed of nurses looking very fresh and sweet in uniform, lined the corridors.

Both royal visitors took their leave of the managers and of the spectators amid every manifestation of goodwill; while congratulations were freely extended upon all sides to Mr. Hedderwick, Chairman of the Managers, and to Dr. Thom for the successful arrangements of an interesting ceremony, which lasting about three-quarters of an hour, was carried out without hitch or delay.

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