

Lord Ampthill moved that the Bill be read a second time that day six months, and so forcibly did he show the objections to the Bill, and the opposition of Societies of Nurses, who had never been consulted, to its provisions, that, on the House dividing, the Bill was defeated by 53 votes to 20.

On that occasion, Lord Ampthill explained that he was not acting as the spokesman of any Association, but he immediately followed up his victory by introducing the Nurses' Registration Bill, and on July 6th said that he did so as the spokesman of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses. How fortunate the Society was in its advocate is evidenced by the fact that he has piloted the Bill through its various stages without a division, until on Tuesday last it was read for a third time, and passed.

Lord Ampthill's interest in nursing is of long standing. He is President of the Colonial Nursing Association, Chairman of the Bedford County Hospital, and during the time that he was Governor of Madras took the greatest interest in the Nursing Institute founded by Lady Ampthill, which still bears her name.

Lord Ampthill has had a most distinguished career, both as a sportsman and a statesman. When at Eton he rowed in the Eton eight, and at Oxford in the University eight. In addition to holding the office of Governor of Madras for seven years, he acted as Viceroy and Governor-General of India in the absence of Lord Curzon, and he is also a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. We venture to think, however, that in days to come no action taken by Lord Ampthill will be held to be more important, or of more far-reaching and beneficent results, than his championship of the Nurses' Registration Bill, which, through his initiative in the House of Lords, will, without doubt, be shortly added to the Statute Book of these realms, and thus grant legal status, and the distinctive title of Registered Nurse to an honourable and indispensable body of women, whose services to their country have been justly described as a national asset.

A VOTE OF THANKS TO LORD AMPHILL.

The members of the organised societies of nurses, whose Bill has been so ably championed by Lord Ampthill through the House of Lords, are naturally desirous of conveying to him an expression of their heartfelt gratitude. A meeting has, therefore, been arranged to take place on Tuesday next, the 17th inst., at the Medical Societies' Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, at 4 p.m., when a Vote of Thanks to Lord Ampthill will be formally proposed and no doubt passed by acclamation.

Nurses' Day at the Leicester Infirmary.

Who will deny that November the 4th was Nurses' Day at the Leicester Infirmary? No one who was present at the delightful functions arranged, and which, from start to finish, were such a brilliant success. Was ever such a golden day known in November, sunny and balmy, it might have been summer. Many friends flocked to the Infirmary, and feathers and furbelows gave a fillip to the occasion.

A very graceful and well deserved compliment had been paid by the governors of the institution to Miss Gertrude Rogers, the Lady Superintendent, in inviting her to lay the memorial stone of the new Nurses' Home, and at twelve noon this delightful ceremony took place. Sir Edward Wood, the Chairman of the Board of Governors, who presided, received a very sincere welcome, this being his first appearance at a public function since his illness.

The proceedings commenced with the presentation of a lovely shower bouquet of Mme. Abel Chatenay roses (the rose of France), bound with pink ribbons, to Miss Rogers by Miss Mildred W. Green, on behalf of the Nursing Staff, and grouped picturesquely all around were the Sisters and Nurses in their spotless uniforms, appreciating thoroughly the prominent part in the ceremony deputed to their beloved Superintendent.

Each speech, and there were many, emphasised the great organising ability, and splendid devotion to duty displayed by Miss Rogers since she entered on her work at Leicester twenty-five years ago. Mr. J. Murray-Smith, in a statement giving particulars of the work of the Infirmary, said the Chairman would have liked to have spoken to them himself, but they were all anxious to save Sir Edward all work that could be avoided. He said that day would mark a very important epoch in the history of the Infirmary—for the erection of the Nurses' Home so greatly needed for the welfare of the staff and the work of the hospital was finality to the great building operations that had been going on during the past few years, and no one was more worthy of the honour of performing the final function of laying the memorial stone than Miss Rogers. This year celebrated the 25th anniversary of Miss Rogers' coming to the Infirmary, and he could give 25 very good reasons why she was the most appropriate person to lay the stone—suffice it to say that under her able supervision the nursing of the institution.

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