

Irish Nurses' Association in emerald green, bearing the emblem of the shamrock, and the name beautifully embroidered in white letters. It was the gift to Mrs. Fenwick of Mrs. Hirschel, "in the name of my kind nurse and friend, Sister Elizabeth Thompson" (late of the Adelaide Hospital, Dublin). At Mrs. Fenwick's suggestion this banner is to be presented by Mrs. Hirschel to the Irish Nurses' Association—a lovely gift they will greatly value.

THE CONVERSAZIONE.

The Conversazione which followed was most enjoyable. A large number of Matrons and other influential supporters of the State Registration movement were present, and the support given to the Pageant by the presence of Lord and Lady Amphilhill was greatly appreciated.

Refreshments were served in the large drawing room, and a most lively programme of music was rendered by Mr. Algernon Clarke's Viennese Band, which he conducted in person.

Besides the large number of nurses who were present, many others would have attended the Pageant had their professional duties permitted, as the following telegram, received during the evening from nurses at the Union Infirmary, Kingston-on-Thames, shows: "We cannot all come to the Pageant, for some must be on duty. What we *all* want is State Registration, to distinguish those who realise the password duty."

Will the Pageant ever be repeated, and those who were unable to be present on Saturday last have an opportunity of seeing it? Who knows?

But those who have had that opportunity appreciate that it was a rare privilege which they would not have missed for much.

BOOK OF THE WORDS AND PROGRAMMES.

Many of those present at the Pageant will be glad to know that a limited number of copies of the Book of the Words can be obtained from the Pageant Secretary, 431, Oxford Street, price 6d., or 6½d., post free, and programmes, price 2d., or 2½d. post free.

PHOTOGRAPHS.

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Hygeia, the Spirit of Nursing, and Elizabeth Fry, with Mrs. Gamp and Mrs. Prig, from the "Central News, Ltd., Illustrations Dept.," 5, New Bridge Street, Ludgate Circus, E.C.

A group of Saints (for the block of which we are indebted to the courtesy of the *Daily Chronicle*), from the "General Press Photo

Company, Ltd.," 2, Bream's Buildings, Chancery Lane, E.C. Original photographs of this group mounted can also be obtained, price one shilling, post free, from the "Daily Events Company, Ltd.," at the same address.

The group of Science and her Attributes from "The Sports and General Illustrations Co.," 45, Essex Street, Strand, W.C.

A number of other excellent photographs are to be obtained from these firms, and those of Queen Philippa and Marcella are specially successful.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION.

The information as to the Saintly Women and Nursing Orders in the foregoing pages is largely taken from "A History of Nursing," published by G. P. Putnam's Sons.

MARGARET BREAY.

Our Prize Competition.

We have pleasure in awarding the 5s. prize this week to Miss Elizabeth H. Gibert, of the General Hospital, Birmingham, for her article printed below.

THE VENTILATION OF (a) A HOSPITAL WARD- (b) A SICK ROOM IN A PRIVATE HOUSE.

There is nothing so important in nursing, either for recovery from disease, healing of wounds, or prevention of spread of infection as thorough ventilation, both in hospital and in the private sick room.

The nurse should, therefore, fully understand the chief means by which this may be obtained.

These are:—

- By (1) Windows.
- (2) Doors.
- (3) Fireplace.
- (4) Ventilators.
- (5) Various mechanical systems used in different hospitals.

Remembering that hot air ascends, all windows of wards should be opened from the top, both for escape of foul air and admission of fresh, and according to the direction of the wind, some should remain open always, the patients having extra hot bottles or bed clothes if necessary.

After meals, offensive dressings, use of bed-pans, the windows should be widely opened to ensure a thorough change of atmosphere, and extra protection given to the patients when necessary. Doors should not be looked upon as a sufficient means of ventilation, but as a valuable assistance to it. A fire should be kept burning, if weather will permit, by which

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