

pleted. Mr. Keith Young, the architect, presented a trowel, and the usual glass jar containing a copy of the *Times* and a Hospital Report for 1913 and some silver coins were buried in the stone. The visitors then proceeded to the smaller marquee while a processional hymn was sung by the choir.

Mrs. Fenton, on behalf of the Ladies' Committee, welcomed the Countess Cadogan, and the Viscount Castlereagh presented her with a trowel. The same ceremony was performed by Lady Cadogan as had just been completed by the Earl Cadogan, and she pronounced the stone "well and truly laid."

After the Benediction the visitors returned to the large marquee, where a delightful tea was provided for them. There were many visitors present, including the Viscountess Castlereagh and the Baroness Goldsmid. There was general regret at Lady Ilchester's inability to be present. As President of the Ladies' Committee she has done an enormous amount for the hospital.

Of the nursing world, Miss Finch and Miss Cox Davies, Miss Barton and Miss Watson were among those present.

Several items of importance are announced for consideration at the General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses on July 4th. The Executive Committee will report as to the election of a President, and has nominated for the position of Vice-President Mrs. Andrews, who after much good work is resigning the office of Hon. Secretary, and Miss Cutler as Hon. Secretary. The Isla Stewart Memorial Committee will present a report, and the questions of a delegate to the San Francisco Congress next year, and of supporting the International Memorial to Miss Nightingale will also be considered.

Miss A. M. Hay has contributed to the Quarterly Magazine of the Birmingham Branch of the National Union of Women Workers an admirable article on the National Council of Trained Nurses, which is likely to arouse much interest in the Council and its work, and in its Annual Conference, now in session at Birmingham.

A most interesting visitor to the Birmingham Nursing Conference is Sister Henriette Arendt, of Stuttgart, formerly a police-assistant there, and whose work as a rescuer of children from the White Slave Traffic, described in our last issue by Miss Beatrice Kent, has aroused so much interest. It is to be hoped that on the

afternoon of Thursday some time may be found for Sister Arendt to give a brief description of her work.

New Homes for Nurses are constantly being erected, and money cannot be better spent by charitable bodies.

The new Nurses' Home in connection with the Stockport Infirmary, erected by public subscription as a memorial to the late King Edward, was opened last week by Mr. Thomas Kay, chairman of the Infirmary Board, and a generous donor to the institution. The new Home, which adjoins the Infirmary, provides accommodation for 30 nurses.

The Home cost £7,000.

Widnes Queen's Nurses have also got a new Home at Appleton.

Mr. G. Rathbone, J.P., the Chairman of the Executive Committee, presented Mrs. Gossage with a gold key, and said it was owing largely to that lady's efforts that the inauguration of the Association was due.

The Mayor, on behalf of the Association, dedicated the building "The Ethel C. Gossage Nurses' Home."

A meeting of the Cardiff Branch of the National Union of Trained Nurses was held at the Union Hospital on June 5th.

Owing to illness in her family, Miss Williams had unfortunately been called away at the last moment. Unforeseen circumstances prevented Miss Erie Evans, M.B., being present. She had kindly promised to read a paper. It is hoped that at no distant date the members may have the pleasure of hearing her.

The meeting resolved itself into a purely social one. The Sister-in-charge, with her band of able assistants, proved equal to the occasion. Everyone went away with a certain amount of satisfaction at having got to know one another better, and a keen sense of having spent a most enjoyable evening.

As her active work in connection with the King Edward Order of Nurses in South Africa is drawing to a close, Lady Gladstone is appealing for further support for the Order. She writes:—"I am more than ever convinced, by our working experience, of its great value for every section of the community, and the knowledge that the growth of the Order was assured by the support of a strong body of annual subscribers would be the most gratifying I could carry away with me from South Africa. I venture, therefore, to make this personal appeal."

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