

## NORTH MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.

### UNVEILING AND DEDICATION OF WAR MEMORIAL IN CHAPEL.

On July 6th the Memorial Tablet placed on the Chancel wall of the Chapel at the North Middlesex Hospital, in memory of five nurses who died at the post of duty during the War, was unveiled and dedicated, and the very beautiful and solemn service drew together not only the grieving relatives of the dead, but many friends of the hospital and well-known members of the Nursing Profession.

Miss A. Dowbiggin, C.B.E., R.R.C., Member G.N.C., the Matron, and a group of Sisters and Nurses, received their invited colleagues in the Hall of the Nurses' Home, the Imperial Nursing Service being represented by Miss Hodgins, R.R.C., Principal Matron; Miss Beadsmore Smith, C.B.E., R.R.C., Matron-in-Chief, was unavoidably detained, but sent a beautiful floral tribute tied with ribbon of the Q.A.I.M.N. Service, which was placed in the Chancel at the base of the Tablet. Amongst those present was Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Member General Nursing Council, who received a very warm welcome from the Nurses, who expressed their great pleasure at her first visit to Edmonton; Miss E. Barton, R.R.C., President, Infirmary Matrons' Association; Miss Riddell, R.R.C., Miss Bickerton, R.R.C., and a large number of Matrons and past members of the Nursing Staff.

Miss Dowbiggin and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick led a long procession of Sisters, Nurses, and Probationers in uniform from the Home to the Chapel.

#### ORDER OF SERVICE.

The Service, which was opened with the National Anthem, was most impressive throughout. After the hymn "O Happy Band of Pilgrims," prayers were offered by the Chaplain. The Lesson, Wisdom iii., 1-6, was read by Councillor the Rev. Winston Haines.

The Rev. C. Knight then read out the names of those Nurses who died in the war, commemorated on the marble Tablet.

#### In Affectionate Remembrance of

The Nursing Sisters and Probationers  
Of the Edmonton Military Hospital and the  
Infirmary, who died during the influenza epidemic  
in the Year 1918.

Catherine Meikle	..	Oct. 14th, 1918
Mary Evans	..	Oct. 15th, 1918
Minnie Yerbury	..	Oct. 20th, 1918
Ada Marian Johnson	..	Oct. 24th, 1918

#### Also in Loving Memory of

Lena Crowther, died Oct. 22nd, 1916.

"All you had hoped for, all you had you gave  
To save mankind—Yourselves you scorned to  
save."

This Memorial was Erected  
By their Colleagues and Members of the Staff.

Prayers were offered by the Bishop of Willesden, and a solo, "O Rest in the Lord," was most beautifully rendered by Miss Amy Godfrey.

The "Last Post" was then sounded.

A very sympathetic Address was given by the Bishop, in which he laid great stress on the necessity for keeping alive spiritual influences in the vocational life of a nurse.

Major-General A. P. Blenkinsop, C.B., C.M.G., A.M.S., unveiled the Memorial, and spoke in warm praise of the work carried on in the hospital by the nurses during the war.

The Memorial was then dedicated by the Bishop, and a very consolatory service concluded with the hearty singing of the hymn "O God, our Help in Ages Past," the Blessing, and the Reveille.

#### THE REUNION IN THE GARDEN.

A Reunion of Nurses was held in the beautiful grounds, received by Mr. B. Weston, Chairman of the Edmonton Board of Guardians, and Mrs. Weston, at which were present the Bishop of Willesden, General Blenkinsop, Mr. J. A. Dunmore, Mayor of Hornsey, in his robes, and many friends of the hospital, the deceased nurses, and the staff. Tea was arranged at little tables under the trees, and the hospital, freshly decorated after military occupation for the use of civil patients, received enthusiastic commendation not only for its beautiful appointments, but for the practical utility of the arrangements.

#### A TOUR OF THE HOSPITAL.

After tea a party, conducted by the Matron, Miss Dowbiggin, and Dr. Gregorson made a tour of the hospital and were delighted with the cheerfulness, the immaculate cleanliness and neatness of the wards, the professional appearance of the nursing staff, and the manifest happiness of the patients. The tiled corridors, green and white in tone, as were also the wards, the deep windows on either side, by means of which the patients could get a maximum amount of air, while lying in the ward, and the open air balconies all testified to the care with which the Edmonton Guardians provide for the welfare of their sick poor. We noted that the sanitary towers in these long wards were built off the middle, not the end of the ward, a thoughtful arrangement which saves the nurses many steps. The top ward of the blocks has a view of the surrounding country, which is beautiful in the extreme; indeed, we do not know any hospital with so extensive an outlook on all sides.

The Nurses' Home is charming, and their mess-room most attractive. The kitchens also are well appointed and were beautifully clean.

The District Maternity Hospital is delightful. Nothing but the best is good enough for the medical officer in charge, who takes a great pride in all its details. A feature is that the Hospital is entirely separate from the main Hospital, and the patients, all of whom pay while in the institution are not admitted under the Poor-Law. The department, which has 60 beds, and is a recognized

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