

Director of the American University Union in Europe, were presented to their Majesties.

The building, designed by Professor F. M. Simpson, F.R.I.B.A., is a splendid addition to the College. The large top-lighted dissecting room at the basement level is surely the finest in London, the museum is on the ground, as are lecture and demonstration theatres and other rooms set apart for teaching.

The Embryological Museum contains some wonderful specimens and X-ray photographs, at which the average young woman of a century ago would probably have "swooned," *Autres temps, autres mœurs*; two girl undergraduate students stood entranced before a verticle section through a head. "How lovely," said one. "Isn't it topping," said the other, and passed on to acquire further knowledge.

M. B.

NURSING IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

On June 4th, the following question was addressed by Dr. Chapple to the Minister of Health:—

NURSES' REGISTRATION ACT.

DR. CHAPPLE asked the Minister of Health whether, in view of the fact that, under the Nurses' Registration Act, 1919, the date after which no existing nurse can get upon the Register is July 14th, 1923, unless application for registration has been previously made, and in view also of the fact that a new modification of Rule 9 (1) was laid upon the Table on May 28th affecting such registration, he will try and obtain immediate facilities for considering the proposed modification in order to give an opportunity for any applicants to whom the change applies to take advantage of it and make application in time?

LORD E. PERCY: The Hon. Member is under a misapprehension. Under the provisions of Section 3 (3) of the Nurses' Registration Act, made by the Council come into operation as soon as they are approved by the Minister of Health. My Right Hon. Friend has approved the rule in question, and there is nothing to prevent nurses who come within its scope from applying at once for admission to the Register.

REMARKS.

The new Rule 9 (1) (g), to which the above question alludes, constitutes a grave breach of contract with trained nurses, and Dr. Chapple's action in supporting it is a great surprise and disappointment to the promoters of State Registration. High time we had a Registered Nurse in the House of Commons to look after our interests.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL. 800th ANNIVERSARY.

SERVICE AT THE PRIORY CHURCH.

It was fitting that in the Order of the Ceremonies for the celebration of the Octo-Centenary of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, a service at the Priory Church of St. Bartholomew-the-Great should be placed first, for there is enshrined the tomb of the great founder of the Hospital. There, on Tuesday last, gathered an illustrious company of Delegates from the furthest outposts of Empire, as well as from the United States of America, to praise God for the life and work of the Augustinian monk who, 800 years ago, "having nothing, and yet possessing all things," raised to the glory of God, the Norman Priory Church, part of which has, alas, been demolished, but part, carefully restored, is a glory of the City of London, and of the Church to-day. The great congregation of famous men and famous women not a few, assembled there were summoned by the mellow peal of bells which in pre-Reformation days called the faithful to worship.

The procession entered the nave by the west door, led by the choir singing the hymn, "Now thank we all our God," in which the congregation heartily joined. The lesson, taken from Ecclesiasticus xlv, beginning, "Let us now praise famous men," was never more appropriate, for down through 800 years the great Sister Foundation of the Hospital near by has had its Roll of illustrious sons, who went forth from its walls to all parts of the world to wage war on disease and to alleviate suffering. Appropriate also amongst the thanksgiving was the following:—

"For all members of this Hospital who have been true and brave in all times and places, and in the world's common ways have lived upright and helpful lives. We praise Thee, O God."

Commemoration was also made both in the Thanksgiving and in a Special Collect of "Rahere, Founder of this Church and Hospital."

THE ADDRESS.

The Address was given by Dr. Paget, Bishop of Chester, son of the late Sir James Paget, one of the most famous and beloved of the alumni of St. Bartholomew's Hospital. Taking his text from the parable of the Good Samaritan, "Take care of him, and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again I will repay thee," the Bishop said how this ceremony would have delighted his father, and how in some way he believed it did delight him. He knew what the Hospital meant to him, proud of it and loving it as he did. He was a loyal-hearted man, and its eminence and pre-eminence was a continual delight to him. He was only one of a multitude whom no man can number, and, said Dr. Paget, "We who dare to call ourselves the Inner Circle, we who are assembled here, are the delegates of millions." He reminded the congregation that at the time of the Foundation of the Hospital Thomas à Beckett

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