

in the time of Henry I, asking him to grant the land on which to build the hospital.

There followed the presentation by Henry VIII (Mr. Arthur Bourchier), in 1544, of a Charter to the Lord Mayor and Commonalty of the City of London, restoring to the Hospital the lands alienated on the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1537—an old world ceremony of inspiring splendour.

The next item was announced to be "a procession illustrative of the work of the Hospital to-day and of its War Services," which seemed somewhat disappointingly shorn of its intention, as was the hymn, "O God our help in ages past" of which only one verse was sung.

During the episodes the band of H.M. Welsh Guards, under the Director of Music, Lieut. Andrew Harris, L.R.A.M., performed a selection of music which added much to the pleasure of a most unique and unforgettable ceremony.

Those present then dispersed—the Delegates to be the guests of the Lord Mayor at luncheon at the Mansion House to meet the Prince of Wales. Many former members of the Nursing Staff of the Hospital were most hospitably entertained in the Sisters' Quarters of the Hospital, Miss A. T. Baines, Assistant Matron, presiding, and thus had the pleasure of meeting old colleagues and of resting a while before proceeding to the Guildhall.

Reception of Addresses from the Delegates by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., President of the Hospital.

The ceremony at the Guildhall when the Prince of Wales, as President of the Hospital, received Addresses from the Delegates, was one full of colour and splendour. This handsome Council Hall of the City of London is a fitting setting for stately functions, and the academic robes of the distinguished representatives of many universities from all parts of the world, provided a wealth of colour which added greatly to the beauty of the scene.

The Prince of Wales, President of the Hospital, who presided, was supported on the platform by a distinguished company, including the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lord Stanmore, Treasurer of the Hospital, City dignitaries, past and present members of the Hon. Medical Staff, the Matron of the Hospital, Miss Helen Todd, S.R.N., President of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, Lady Baddeley, and many others.

The proceedings opened with the presentation by Lord Stanmore of a Gold Medal, Commemorative of the 800th Anniversary, and a short history of the Hospital, to the Prince of Wales, on behalf of the Governors of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and expressed their grateful appreciation of his unflinching interest in the welfare and progress of the Hospital. To perpetuate the memory of the anniversary, a medal had been struck which bears on the obverse the head of Rahere, the founder, and on the reverse that of William Harvey, the discoverer of the circulation of the blood, of whose connection with the Hospital as a physician for

thirty-six years—from 1607 to 1643—the Governors are justly proud.

The Prince then accepted the Medal and History from the Treasurer, and proceeded to present the Commemorative Medal in gold to Lord Bearsted for the Lord Mayor, Lord Stanmore, and Sir John Baddeley, Bart., Chairman of the Octocentenary Grand Committee.

Each of the Delegates then mounted the platform, and as he did so his name was announced, so that all present could hear. These distinguished Delegates conveyed their congratulations incorporated in addresses.

With each the Prince shook hands, and to each he presented the Commemorative Medal.

In acknowledging the Addresses, His Royal Highness said "It is a source of the deepest pride to me that the celebrations of the 800th anniversary of St. Bartholomew's Hospital should have coincided with my tenure of the office of President, and I am glad to welcome, in the name of this ancient institution, the many delegates who have come from all parts of the Empire and from the United States, and to express to them my very sincere appreciation of the congratulations which the hospital has received from the Church and the various distinguished and learned bodies they represent. I am grateful, too, to the Lord Mayor and the Court of Common Council, who have been good enough to allow this ceremony to be held in the Guildhall, and also to permit Bartholomew Fair to take place once again in Smithfield. It is strange to realise that the 800 years of the hospital's existence cover practically the entire period of our English history as known to the average man to-day. . . . When this institution was founded upon its present site the long line of Lord Mayors of London had not yet been initiated. Magna Charta and our English Parliament were things of the future; the Wars of the Roses were far ahead, and more than 500 years had yet to elapse before the Great Fire of London. . . . It is a great pleasure to me to be in the Guildhall to meet the distinguished delegates, and, as President, I thank them once again most sincerely, in the name of all those connected with the hospital, for the congratulations they have offered us to-day." (Cheers.)

Spoken congratulations were offered by the following selected delegates:—The Bishop of Worcester, on behalf of the Church as well as Christ's Hospital; Sir Archibald E. Garrod (University of Oxford), representing the Universities of the United Kingdom; Dr. Alexander Primrose (University of Toronto), the Universities of the Dominions and India; Dr. W. H. Welch (Rockefeller Institute), the Universities of the United States; and Sir Walter Fletcher, Secretary of the Medical Research Council (Royal Society of London), the Learned Societies of Great Britain and Ireland.

It was an imposing and historic ceremony of indelible memory to those privileged to participate in it.

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