

the Hospital after years of absence to find the portraits of the chiefs under whom they served.

Tea was, as usual, served daintily at small tables round which friends foregathered, and the band, which was amateur, but the music far otherwise, consisting of piano, violoncello and violin, conducted by Miss West, daughter of the late Dr. West, was greatly enjoyed the while by those present.

After tea a pleasant ceremony took place, when Lord Stanmore, Treasurer of the Hospital, received from Miss Todd, President of the League, a cheque for £1,000 raised by it, for the purpose of endowing a bed to commemorate the octo-centenary birthday of the Hospital.

The President's Speech.

Miss Todd, in asking Lord Stanmore to accept the cheque, said that the League was founded in 1899 by the illustrious Miss Isla Stewart, and now numbered over 1,000 certificated nurses of the Hospital. This was not the first time that the League had helped the hospital. When the Nurses' Home became so bad that they could scarcely live in it, the League raised and presented to the Treasurer and Almoners £2,000 towards the erection of the new Home.

The Nursing Staff were the direct representatives of the four Sisters who, with Rahere, started the nursing of the Hospital 800 years ago. She had now great pleasure in handing the cheque to the Treasurer, and in presenting to him Mrs. Hayward, Chairman of the Appeal Committee, and Mrs. de Segundo, the Treasurer.

Lord Stanmore's Reply.

Lord Stanmore, replying, thanked Miss Todd and the League for its magnificent birthday present to the Hospital. Since he had been Treasurer it had received some splendid gifts of money, but he knew that not only by himself, but also by the Governors, this gift would be specially valued as the most touching it had yet received, because it was the symbol of the love of its nurses for the Hospital, a love which had grown up through self-sacrifice. As Miss Todd had said, it was not the first time the League had helped the Hospital. He was glad to think this gift would be perpetuated by naming a bed in one of the Hospital wards. Once more he warmly thanked the League for its gift.

The Nurses' Home.

Many of those present, before leaving the hospital, took the opportunity of visiting the first block of the new Nurses' Home, now nearing completion, and which consists entirely of bedrooms. It stands back from the road in the Little Britain, and each nurse located there will enjoy the privilege of a bedroom to herself.

The spacious wardrobes, built into the wall, containing drawers, shelves, and a hanging cupboard, were cordially approved, the wash-hand stands built into the corner of each room, with marble slab and tiled back, which must apparently be equipped with crockery, came in for some

criticism, and considerable disappointment was expressed that hot and cold water were not laid on. Also that the only method of warming the bedrooms was through a ventilator over the top of the door, by means of central heating in the corridors. The supply of baths, and also the arrangements for shampooing the hair met with warm approval. The flat roof affords a pleasant prospect of enjoying the fresh air without being compelled to go out into the streets.

It is hoped that this block will be finished and ready for occupation by October, when no doubt, when the decorations and fittings are in place, a better idea of the arrangements will be presented.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.

800th ANNIVERSARY.

The Octo-centenary Celebrations at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, which, as we reported last week, opened so felicitously on Tuesday, June 5th, were continued throughout the week, and Lord Stanmore, the Treasurer, the Governors, Officers, and friends of the Hospital associated with them, are warmly to be congratulated on their great success. On Wednesday, June 6th, Bartholomew Fair was opened, according to ancient custom, by the Lord Mayor of London; and on Thursday, 7th, the *Conversazione* in the Hospital and Medical College proved one of the most popular functions. The guests were received by Lord Stanmore, Treasurer of the Hospital, the Rev. W. G. Sandwith, M.A., Rector of St. Bartholomew's the Great, Dr. T. W. Shore, O.B.E., M.D., Dean of the Medical College, and Miss Macintosh, C.B.E., R.R.C., Matron of the Hospital. The various exhibits were extraordinarily interesting, Miss Ellen Birch, an inimitable Sairey Gamp, represented "old nursing," and incidentally collected over £10 for the benefit of the Hospital. Most interesting was the demonstration of "new nursing" given by members of the present nursing staff.

Everyone was loud in admiration of the *Tableaux illustrative* of events in the Hospital's history.

Mr. Thomas Hayes, Clerk to the Governors, must have been a proud man when the successful week closed—a triumph of organization.

The King's Good Wishes.

Lord Stanmore, Chairman of the Octo-centenary Committee of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has received from the Prince of Wales, the President of the Hospital, the following message sent to him by the King:—

"In thanking you for the Gold Medal and the History of St. Bartholomew's Hospital which you, as President, have sent to me, I take this occasion of offering you my heartfelt congratulations on the eight hundredth anniversary of the Hospital's foundation. I always look back with the greatest pleasure to the interesting years of my own presidency, and I trust that the praiseworthy efforts to maintain undiminished the record and traditions of this famous Hospital will be crowned with success.—GEORGE R.I."

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