

## ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL, LONDON.

### Opening of the Recreation Rooms, and Lecture Rooms, at Queen Mary's Home for Nurses by the Lord Mayor.

Thursday, January 17th, was a red-letter day at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., for the Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, and by the Sheriffs, opened the new Recreation Rooms in the rear of the Nurses' Home, comprising a Sitting-room for the Staff Nurses, and another for the Probationers, together with the Isla Stewart Memorial Library, which are comprised in one wing. The Library, however, will have a special opening of its own later on, when the medallion bas-relief of the late Miss Isla Stewart, Matron of the Hospital for twenty-three years, and Founder of its Nurses' League, will be unveiled.

The ceremony took place in the Staff Nurses' Sitting-room,

presence of the Lady Mayoress. It was, said Lord Stanmore, particularly appropriate that the opening ceremony of this new block should be performed by the Lord Mayor, for he served on the Committee which considered the scheme for reconstruction, and foresaw the right site.

The Lord Mayor, in reply, said he considered it a great compliment to have been invited to open the new Recreation Rooms, and to find himself identified with the scheme for their construction and the provision of the new Lecture Room and Class Room. The hospital had a great tradition for efficiency and gentleness on the part of its nurses, and if the site selected should prove entirely suitable for its purpose he would rejoice. He had much pleasure in declaring the new Recreation Rooms open and hoped they would be for the happiness and comfort of the nurses.

The Architect, Mr. Mathews, then presented a gold key of the wing, and in accepting it the Lord Mayor said that he



*Back Row, left to right:*—Ald. and Sheriff Sir W. A. Waterlow; Sister Coborn; Sister Massage; Miss H. T. Baines, Assistant Matron; Sheriff Coxon, G.C.  
*Front Row, left to right:*—The Right Hon. The Lord Mayor; Lord Stanmore, C.V.O., Treasurer, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Mr. H. B. Mathews, F.R.I.B.A., O.E.B., Architect; Members of the Nursing Staff.

### THE LORD MAYOR RECEIVING FROM THE ARCHITECT THE KEY OF THE NEW RECREATION ROOMS, ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL, E.C.

a handsome room, with a domed ceiling supported on oak pillars. The panelling is of oak, with a cream coloured frieze, with which the alabaster bowls for the electric lights harmonise effectively, and the crimson platform, fringed with gay pointsettias, white heather and silvered leaves, gave the necessary touch of colour.

The disappointment of the day was the absence of the Matron, Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., S.R.N., who unfortunately was on convalescent leave after influenza. Miss Helen T. Baines, S.R.N., Assistant Matron, acted in her stead, and presented to the Lady Mayoress a bouquet of spring flowers, which brought a gleam of sunshine into the chill January day.

The Lord Mayor was welcomed by the Treasurer of the Hospital, Lord Stanmore, C.V.O., on behalf of the Governors, who, he said, were proud and gratified by his presence on this occasion, and their gratification was completed by the

had already been presented by Lord Stanmore with a lock of about the year 1100, which had been dug up during the excavations, and which he should place in the Guildhall Museum.

The cost of the erection of the Isla Stewart Memorial Library has been defrayed by the sum of £2,000 presented by the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses to the Governors, and allotted by them, with its accumulated interest, to this purpose. It is an octagonal room, panelled in oak to the ceiling, with deep window-ledges which will serve as tables, each of which is provided with a reading lamp with a golden-brown shade. Between the windows are bookcases let into the wall, and when furnished the room will form a charming retreat for studious nurses.

On the floor below the Recreation Rooms are the Lecture Rooms, where Miss Hitch, the Sister-Tutor, can lecture to as many as 200 student nurses at a time.

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