

## NEW PRELIMINARY TRAINING SCHOOL FOR NURSES AT UNIVERSITY COLLEGE HOSPITAL.

### OPENING BY PRINCE GEORGE.

The Library of the University College Hospital Medical School, Gower Street, W.C., presented an animated appearance, full of colour, on the occasion of the visit of Prince George, President of the Hospital, to preside at the Annual Meeting and to open the New Preliminary Training School for Nurses presented by the Rockefeller Foundation. The platform was decorated with palms and daffodils, and on the floor level on each side were Sisters in blue uniforms, neatly goffered caps with strings and small bows, and navy blue capes lined with red, with red straps.

In the centre of the room were members of the Committee, distinguished members of the Medical Staff in their robes and hoods of every variety of colour, subscribers to the hospital; and in the gallery were nurses and probationers taking the keenest interest in the proceedings.

to-day, on the occasion of the opening of our new Preliminary Training School for Nurses.

The new building has been generously presented to us by the Rockefeller Foundation of the United States of America, which in 1920 initiated a great educational scheme at the Hospital.

Looking backward, the mind reverts to the unsatisfactory conditions which obtained prior to 1860 and to the enlightened era of Florence Nightingale, who, despite difficulties and opposition, carried out reforms which laid the foundation of the modern system of nursing and whose pioneer work has been the inspiration of all subsequent progress.

It is interesting to recall that University College Hospital was the first to enlist the services of refined and educated women to take charge of patients, and the arrangement of the Sisterhood of All Saints, Margaret Street, to take over the nursing of the wards in 1862, paved the way for the introduction, in 1899, of a new regime for the education and training of nurses on modern lines.

In recording the debt of gratitude which we owe to the



PRINCE GEORGE AT THE BEDSIDE OF THE CHASE DOLL  
IN THE DEMONSTRATION ROOM,

MATRON AND STUDENT  
NURSES.

With Royal punctuality Prince George arrived. He was met at the main entrance of the Medical School and officially welcomed to the Borough by the Mayor of St. Pancras, Alderman H. E. Capes, J.P., and inspected the Guard of Honour furnished by the Medical Unit of the University of London Officers Training Corps. His Royal Highness was then received by the Chairman of the Hospital, Sir Herbert Samuelson, K.B.E., who made various presentations and then the Prince, accompanied by the Chairman, the American Ambassador, the Minister of Health, the Members of the Reception Committee and the Matron, Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C., proceeded to the platform in the Medical School Library.

### The Address of Welcome.

The Statutory business having been quickly disposed of the Chairman, in an Address of Welcome said in part:—

Your Royal Highness, it is my privilege as the Chairman of University College Hospital, to extend to you, on behalf of the General Committee and the members of the Corporation, a loyal and dutiful welcome, and to say how greatly honoured we are by Your Royal Highness's presence here

Rockefeller Foundation, we recall the fact that Sister Helen, of University College Hospital, who was appointed Superintendent of the Bellevue Training School for Nurses in New York, in 1873, was the pioneer of the modern system of nursing in the United States, and we regard it as a happy coincidence that the hospital should now be indebted to that country for the generous gift of its new Preliminary Training School.

On behalf of the Corporation of the Hospital, I have the honour to ask Your Royal Highness to declare open our new Preliminary Training School for Nurses."

The American Ambassador, General Charles Gates Dawes, in seconding the Address, said: "On many occasions I have had the privilege of attending Anglo-American functions, but the present one, the establishment of the Preliminary Training School for Nurses at University College Hospital, is unique.

It is evidence of the mutual understanding that exists between the two great English-speaking nations and emphasises the strength of this tie. The gift by the Rockefeller Foundation is a great tribute to the work carried on at University College Hospital, but it is also a

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