

lined the steps of the Home, and assembled near by as the Matron presented to Lady Brown a Golden Key with which to open the door, an illustration of which appears on this page. The end of the key was in the form of a plaque, in the centre of which appeared a dainty medallion of a Nurse, surrounded by the name of the Hospital on a ground of blue enamel—a charming gift in commemoration of a happy occasion. The Assistant Matron, Miss H. M. Darling, also offered for Lady Brown's acceptance a bouquet of lovely tulips. Amongst the assembled group was the architect, Mr. H. Berney, D.L., J.P.

The Benediction.

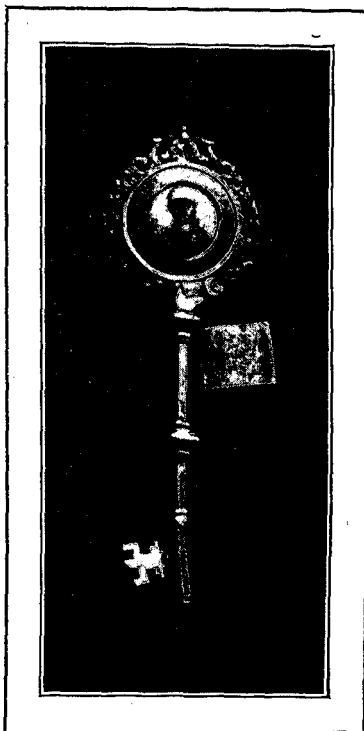
The Bishop of Croydon (Bishop E. S. Woods) then invoked a Blessing on the Home in the following prayers:—

Almighty and eternal God; Bless, we beseech Thee, and hallow this house and all who abide in it. Let Thy holy Angels keep their watch around it. Give to the members of this household Thy good gifts of purity and health, of cheerfulness and gladness, and a contented spirit. Grant them here peace and rest in the midst of their labours, and this life ended, receive them to Thyself; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Merciful Saviour, Who with Thy Presence didst hallow an earthly home in Nazareth, we humbly thank Thee for the happiness of our earthly life; for peaceful homes and healthful days; for our powers of mind and body; for faithful friends and for the joy of loving and being loved; for work and play; and we beseech Thee to grant that we may ever make our homes worthy of Thy Presence, who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, God for ever and ever. Amen.

Cheerfulness, gladness, and a contented spirit are all qualities of which nurses stand in need both in their work, and in their recreation, and the Bishop's prayers were full of understanding of the needs of the Nursing Profession, and could hardly have been more happily phrased.

As will be seen from our illustration the Charles Heath Clark Home is a handsome and imposing building. The accommodation consists of 54 bedrooms in addition to which there is a large Sitting Room and Recreation Room, a Study and Lecture Room. The Sitting and Recreation Rooms are so arranged



The Golden Key of the new Nurses' Home, presented by the Matron to Lady Brown.

that they can be thrown into one and used for social functions.

The prevailing shade of the walls of the Home is pale sunshine, which harmonises admirably with the brown paint and curtains to tone, and the parquet floors. The Sitting Room is a pleasant place with bright rugs, comfortable chintz-covered couches, and armchairs with restful cushions, and tub chairs of which the furnishings are some in rose colour and some in blue. The silver clock was the gift of the Matron to the nurses at Christmas.

The Lecture Room is furnished with desks for the use of the pupils, and seldom have we seen one better equipped with every necessity and appliance for teaching purposes.

The Nurses' bedrooms are convenient and pleasant places, with built-in wardrobes, basins with hot and cold water laid on, and chests of drawers, with writing boards snugly fitted in, to pull out readily when required. They should be the joy and pride of their occupants.

We peeped into the wards of the Hospital and particularly admired the children's circular ward. Some day, perhaps, we shall be able to describe this interesting hospital in detail. It is fortunate in possessing a large garden which produces fresh fruit and vegetables for the patients and staff, a noble lawn where tennis can be enjoyed, and a hard tennis court is in process of formation.

The day of the Opening Ceremony held a complete surprise for the Matron, for after Nurses' Supper there was an informal function at which the Nursing Staff presented Miss Keys-Wells with a silver Loving Cup "as a Memento of the Happy Day," and the Assistant Matron, Miss H. M. Darling with some silver coffee spoons.

In view of the alleged shortage of candidates for the Nursing Profession, it is interesting to learn from Miss Keys-Wells that all the vacancies for probationers to October next in this important country Hospital are filled up, and that she has a waiting list beyond that. No doubt this is due in part to the excellent reputation of the Hospital as a Nurse-Training - School, and to the personality of its Matron, trained at Charing Cross Hospital under the liberal rule of Miss Heather-Bigg, and imbued with its best traditions.



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