

way a model and up-to-date one which would serve its purpose for many years to come and be of assistance to other hospital authorities. Westminster had long realised the need for co-operation between neighbouring voluntary hospitals, and between voluntary hospitals and municipal institutions. He knew those present would welcome any measure leading to a pooling of resources, whether in the treatment of the patient, the teaching of the doctor and the nurse, or in the prosecution of scientific research. In conclusion, as President of the Hospital, he expressed his sincere gratitude to those present who were devoting their lives and money to the service of the sick, and wished them all encouragement in the great task of building their new Hospital.

The Prince was then conducted to the Foundation Stone by Mr. Lionel Pearson, F.R.I.B.A., representing the Architects, and the Stone having been duly levelled and set declared it to be "well and truly laid."

The Dean of Westminster having offered a prayer of dedication, Lord Ullswater presented, as a symbolical memento to his Royal Highness, a piece of the foundation stone—which is of English marble from the Hopton Wood stone quarries in Derbyshire—made up in the form of a paper-weight mounted with an ivory and silver handle.

We congratulate the Matron on the honour of having been selected to invite the Prince to lay the stone, and the Chairman and House Committee on recognising the appropriateness of this procedure. The nursing staff are naturally delighted that the head of their Training School, and through her the School, should have been so honoured.

At the close of the Foundation Stone Ceremony the Prince of Wales proceeded to the Westminster Fair and Market charmingly organised in Dean's Yard, in aid of the hospital, where he made a tour of the shops, and visited with obvious appreciation the pleasure gardens. After his departure the inspiring announcement was made that Mr. Meyerstein had, during his visit, presented the chairman of the hospital with a cheque for £10,000 for the medical school building.

On the following day the Market was honoured by a visit from the Queen.

The report for the year 1934 from the Council of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing to Her Majesty the Queen states that more and more demand is being made for district nursing service and no less than 14,568,623 visits were paid in 1934 by nurses working in connection with the Institute.

The Committee of the 1930 Fund for the benefit of Trained District Nurses, the headquarters of which are at 1a, Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, W.1, report that in these days when so many excellent causes are appealing for support they are well aware of their good fortune in being called upon to administer its benefits without the onus of raising the income, further their delight when there came suddenly an intimation that the generous unknown donor had presented another £10,000 for the general purposes of the Fund. They record their deep appreciation of this wonderful generosity, and give a general statement of the work they have been enabled to carry out during the year

ending June 30th, some of which would have been impossible but for these added resources.

Those eligible for assistance from the Fund being limited by its restriction to fully trained nurses who have done district work, the Committee have been able to give prompt assistance in every suitable case which has come to them.

Thirty-five new regular weekly grants have been begun during the year and 56 nurses already in receipt of such grants have had these substantially increased.

In between 20 and 30 cases where a nurse had become entitled to increased income from some other source, the 1930 Fund Committee have been able to continue their grant as before, and thus ensure her a little extra comfort.

The Seventy-Second Annual Report of the Liverpool Royal Infirmary Training School for Nurses is, as always, an interesting document. The Committee state: "We were all delighted that the Matron, Miss Mary Jones (A.R.R.C.), was selected to command a detachment of Territorial Army Nurses and Voluntary Aid Nurses on the occasion of the visit of their Majesties The King and Queen to open the Mersey Tunnel, and to know that she received the highest praise on the 'turn-out' of the parade from H.M. The Queen when accompanying Her Majesty on her tour of inspection.

"Once again we have to tender our warmest thanks to the Matron for her unwearying efforts on behalf of the sick committed to the care of the Infirmary. Her own fine example in this regard has its natural sequel in the diligence, care and consideration at all times exhibited by every member of her Staff."

Evidently the alleged shortage of candidates for training as nurses does not affect the Liverpool Royal Infirmary. The Matron in her Report states that Candidates' applications for training during the year numbered five hundred and forty-one. Thirty-five were accepted.

The Lady-Mayoress of Liverpool (Mrs. Strong) presided at the Nurses Prize-giving and presented the Gold Medal to Ruth Oldfield Davies and the Silver Medal to Noel Latimer Jones. Book Prizes for examinations and essays in Hygiene (kindly given by Mr. David Cowden and Mr. Howard Williams) were awarded to Olwen Mawby Wynne Jones, Anastasia May Harbord, Marion Speight.

The Matron also reports, with pleasure, that the Nurses' League has been accepted for affiliation with the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

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