

President and Committee, decided to commence this work at once, and accordingly the ground was broken in the latter part of June. In order to add to the interest which already is manifested in this venerable institution, advantage was taken of the presence in the city of Lord Lister, who was asked and consented to lay the corner stone.

After Dr. Barelay had opened the proceedings with prayer, the President, Mr. F. Wolferstan Thomas, briefly sketched the progress of the hospital since its foundation in 1822. He was followed by His Excellency the Governor-General, who spoke upon the disinterested and noble character of the nursing profession. In conclusion he expressed his cordial good wishes for the success of the undertaking.

In laying the stone Lord Lister spoke of the great advantage which medical schools are to hospitals in stimulating the medical officers to a proper appreciation of the importance and nobility of their calling.

Lord Mount Royal briefly spoke on the benefits which hospitals conferred upon the public and paid a graceful tribute to the President of the institution in referring to the good work he had accomplished. Mayor Wilson-Smith extended congratulations upon the establishment of the Jubilee Nurses' Home. Dr. Roddick being called upon, made a few remarks on the progress which had been made in the profession of nursing in Canada. He called attention to the fact that the presence of Lord Lister on this occasion was very appropriate, because this hospital was the first in Canada in which the antiseptic principles, of which he was the author, were introduced.

One of the features of the occasion was the singing of the National Anthem by the nurses, who, attired in their becoming pink and white uniforms, occupied a platform in front of the building. Cheers were given for Her Majesty, the Governor-General, Lord Lister, Lord Mount Royal and others. The proceedings were brought to a close by the Bishop of Niagara pronouncing the Benediction.

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