

"GOD AND MANKIND"

Magnificent New Hospital Is Fully Dedicated.

DISTINGUISHED GATHERING

Astoria's Interest and Pride Are Plainly In Evidence—Governor Chamberlain Sends Regrets—Addresses From Home.

Yesterday afternoon between six and seven hundred Astorians gathered at the eastern portico of the beautiful new hospital of St. Mary, on Sixteenth street, to witness the public ceremonies of the dedication program, and to testify their interest in the splendid enterprise of the Sisters of Charity of the House of Providence, to whose long and faithful labors is due the existence of this monument of "good will toward man."

The street, the sidewalks, the stone stairways, on the outside, and the long corridors and the adjacent halls and rooms on the ground floor, were thronged with people of all sorts and conditions, and all persuasions, religious and ethical; the last one of whom was proud and pleased to be in at the hour when this fine attribute of the civic life of Astoria was installed as the last and best of her institutions.

The dedication ceremonies of the church represented by the hospital and its founders and builders had taken place some hours before, when Pontifical high mass had been said and sung with all the grateful unctious the inspiring event called forth in the Catholic breast, and the great spaces and equipment of the house of mercy had been blessed by His Grace, Archbishop Alexander Christie, of the diocese of Oregon, and the afternoon feature was the formal, public declaration of the high purpose and destiny of the great building.

Promptly at 2:30 o'clock, the dignitaries in charge of the auspicious event gathered on the covered porch-way, led

by the venerable prelate in his purple cassock and biretta, and followed by Hon. Herman Wise, mayor of Astoria, Rev. Father Waters, rector of St. Mary's Catholic church, Dr. J. A. Fulton, dean of the hospital staff, and Doctors Jay Tuttle, H. L. Henderson, Alfred Kinney and Messrs. G. C. Fulton and Frany Carney; Rev. Father Waters acting as masters of ceremonies. After all were duly seated, the rector immediately opened the program of the hour by introducing Mayor Wise.

The enforced absence of Governor George E. Chamberlain was deplored on all sides when it was made manifest by Mayor Wise who read a pleasant letter from his excellency announcing a sudden and important call to Eastern Oregon, as the reason he could not be on hand at the important movement and wishing the church, and sisters and the new hospital itself an abundance of abiding of fortune. Mayor Wise then said:

"We are here to dedicate this structure to the cause of suffering humanity. The pages of history are full of deeds of heroism on the field of battle, we read of discoveries in the fields of art and science newspapers and magazines recount the achievements in the commercial world, and comment at length upon the strife, successes and defeats of great politicians; but we hear little about the patient, self-sacrifice, shown in the hospital by the quiet, gentle sisters, who labor faithfully and make sacrifices daily not for the sake of world gain, not because of the glory in it, nor because a generous people stands ready to applaud.

"There will be eloquent addresses made today that will appeal to our noblest impulses and it is well that we do so; but, nothing that may be said here, can equal that which will be done here, from day to day.

"No labor will be too hard, no danger too great, the only thought that impels these ministring angels of mercy, is the thought of relieving the suffering, of cooling the feverish brow,—the thought of serving God.

"Oh, if I only had the gift to adequately praise this noble work; that, since such gift is not mine, let mine be the privilege to hope, that every human being seeking health and strength, may find comfort here, and that every soul that is called into the never ending world, as all souls must some day leave this transient life, that every such departing soul, may find eternal rest and

everlasting peace; even so, as every afflicted person will find, comfort, consolation and sisterly attention within these walls, managed and watched over by these devout servants of God Almighty.

"May this institution ever stand as a monument to that great church, which teaches morality, purity, charity and brotherly love, the foundation of all true religion."

The Most Reverend Alexander Christie, archbishop of the Oregon diocese was then introduced and spoke most feelingly and in the following terms: "I have profound pleasure in being present on this occasion, when this great building is dedicated thus publicly to the dual agencies that dominate life in the civilized world, religion and science. These two fundamentals go hand in hand everywhere for the common good of the race. Minds and hearts and hands, trained and skilled and upheld by these two auspicious elements, stand together beneath such roofs as this, for the good of suffering humanity; and this fortuitous predicate, amplified by the devotion and gentle nurture of the sisterhood in charge, and their care for the souls as well as the bodies of those entrusted to their ministrations, forms a basis from which the widest and most abundant success may be looked for.

"Astoria has, indeed, a right to be proud this day, and it is never to be doubted, will uphold the hands of the sisters who have brought this enterprise to such fruition and who must maintain it through all time by right of their sole and high initiative. Stand by them! These women are, in the main, representatives of the best families in the land; gently nurtured and tenderly reared, and relinquishing all of the gracious promises of a life beyond the regime of the church and the order, chose the hard and narrow path to gain the one eternal gift of immortality by way of the cross. They are the one great agency for the mitigation of human ills; striving everywhere in the broad earth, to make its paths smoother for the bruised and stumbling feet of humanity, ill of soul and ill of body.

"It is my prayer, founded on my highest hope, that this hospital may live through long years, years changed with an unceasing abundance of all that is holy and good in its history, and to the infinite fulfillment of its last promise and prestige. And this hope shall be attained if it rest upon the skilled ability of the professional staff of physicians and surgeons assigned to its wards and laboratories, for its destiny is closely interwoven with the splendid adeptness of these men, and in this particular case, there is no conceivable doubt of its success, predicated upon such an equipment. And, thus, it is started upon its noble mission with the three-fold agency of the blessing of Almighty God, the devotion of the sisterhood that directs and controls it, and the sure and gifted equipment of those men who are to be responsible for the direct healings of the ills that find shelter here."

Dr. J. A. Fulton was the next speaker, and he said, in part:

"There is certainly no trouble in filling this hospital. I am indeed glad to see you all in the hospital, and hope you may never have to come on a less pleasant errand than this.

"Hospitals have been known since long before the Christian era. And certainly they have flourished since then, for religion has dominated and fostered them unceasingly at all times. The earlier institutions had no medical staff in the later acceptance of that term, and no trained nurses, yet they were ever of value and comfort to the sick and injured, and the sturdy and kindly monk and friar of the olden times was the arbiter and friend of the hospice and its beneficiary, for, in their rude school, they were remarkably clever and resourceful in the mitigation of the ills and wounds of their day. Time has expanded the hospital along with all the other agencies for the common good and the service has kept quick pace with development of the institution. And in eleven days and ages, they have been the approved and common refuge of the rich and poor alike.

"The modern hospital has other and equally important duties along with its primal responsibility for the care of the sick and injured, for it is the working school of the trained nurse and the medical student, who after months and years of experience, go forth into the world to repeat and extend the lessons of mercy and skill wrought in the hospital course, so that the province of the hospital is enlarged and made more gracious all the time."

The doctor here reverted to the early history of the present hospital and gave a few moments to ardent tribute to those who in its earlier career, stood by it faithfully and generously. Continuing, he said:

"But it is to the good sisters that this fine achievement is due. They have worked, faithfully, undauntedly, unceasingly, and though the great centers of this country may offer grander exhibits than this, but there are none to

exceed it in appointment and the scope of its service in all times. All is due to the gentlewomen whose dearest hope it has been, day and night, almost without intermission, they have worked for this fine result, while they have been doing the thousand and one tasks of their useful daily lives, working for humanity in fact and in thought. Nothing has been too dreadful for them to undertake; they have allowed nothing to deter them, no matter the nature of the suffering, nor the character of the sufferer. It has always been the one unending story of loving kindness to the needy. Thousands have gone forth from the old doors blessing these good sisters, and thousands more will issue from these newer doors, but the blessings will be the same devout, grateful and beyond calculation. And the City of Astoria cannot do too much for this noble institution that adorns it and amplifies its capacity for helping stricken and suffering humanity."

The doctor was followed by his brother, Mr. G. C. Fulton, the well-known attorney, who said, in part:

"The lives we live are, at best, confined to narrow limits; barriers arise everywhere, and the most of us follow blindly the well worn paths of routine and the beaten paths of habit. We are becoming a nation of business men and women and taking on the limitations of business rule and prescription. Hoping, striving, thinking and battling for nothing but accumulation and there are some not over-nice in design and practice. It is a downright pleasure to look away from this sordid status of things current, and look to the lives and the work of the great Sisterhood who have dedicated every gift and grace of the absolute good of mankind. And this very review adds to my personal pleasure in contributing my small share to the final dedication of this beautiful temple of mercy, to the common good of the world; far more pleasure than would fall to my lot if summoned to the banquet of kings. Today we are contributing to the needy of the broad earth this magnificent hospital whose latch-string shall hang forever ready to the hand to which it shall be most useful; to the rich, the poor, the great and the small, irrespective of class, condition, religion; if only they shall come for healing: The sisters will do for him all that gentle and merciful intuition and purpose shall dictate, to his rehabilitation of soul and body, and do it to the sole end of the infinite glory of God. And I desire to say that this dedication, is but the amplification of that earlier and deeper dedication which the sisterhood has made, in the long and ardent task that finds its fruition in this hour. This great building may disappear, disaster may overtake it, and blot it from the sight of men but its splendid history will live forever and its influence flourish unchallenged for all time, here and in high Heaven."

Dr. H. L. Henderson was the next speaker on the program and in dealing with the potent subject at hand, he said, in part:

"I am tempted to wonder if Astoria fully appreciates the immense value of this fine institution in her midst. I am afraid not. This great house bears a greater relative importance than any of its fellows on the coast, for it has complete and adequate service to supply the beds and wants of a hundred victims, which in point of population, is not exceeded anywhere; even the great hospital of St. Vincent, of Portland, can care but 200; so, in a relative sense, this one is equipped to do ten times the work of the famous hospitals at the metropolis. It is greater and better than we had a right to expect. And there is another phase of this grave question that is liable to pass unheeded, and that is the fact that men may give lavishly, and in a thousand ways of aid and compensation, but what of good this new hospital shall give and do will be given and done on the wider and holier inspiration of gift and deed to the honor of God. For no man in trouble or agony will be turned from these doors; it is the home of anguish and affliction and the correlative virtues of comfort and consolation, which in a thousand instances are given without thought of compensation in money. He who comes hither may be sure of the best the house of abundance has to offer, and as certain of the gentle and comforting treatment of the Sisterhood that directs it. May its career be one of high success and may a living and constant blessing attend it."

Dr. Jay Tuttle was the next speaker of the hour and he spoke briefly yet pointedly, saying, in part: "The conditions that confront us this day are widely different from the early days of Astoria when there was no hospital here; and it is difficult to realize just how the wants of the sick and injured were met in those times but Dr. August Kinney was the first to move with decision in the premises, and with the aid of this same great sisterhood, did succeed in setting up the first hospital back here on the adjoining lot. All sorts of difficulties were met and overcome, and finally there was an initial purchase from Mr. Hume, of the pro-

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