M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Health and Mrs. Shakespeare, in the regrettable absence, through illness, of the Right Hon. Sir Hilton Young, the Minister of Health. A great company, estimated to have exceeded one thousand assembled in this beautiful Georgian house, truly one of the lesser palaces of London. No more fitting place could have been found for such a reception, the setting was magnificent, the music delightful, and the priceless collection of the London Museum which was open to the company gave an additional interest to the reception; whilst the elegance of the dresses of the ladies lent an added colour to the proceedings. It was perhaps regrettable that the men had not been ordered to appear in academic dress, then the effect would have been brilliant! The delegates from abroad, and some thirty-four countries were represented, were high in their appreciation of the Government hospitality. Many members of the Ophthalmological Society, of the International Ophthalmological Council, the Organization for the Prevention of Blindness were present. It is interesting to note that Mr. Percy Flemming, sometime ophthalmic surgeon at University College Hospital, is now associated with the work of the London Museum.

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THE MOORFIELDS EYE HOSPITAL

Opening of the King George V Extension by their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York, May 16, 1935

At the opening of the King George V extension of the Royal London Ophthalmic Hospital (Moorfields) their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of York were welcomed on arrival in the Borough by His Worship the Mayor of Finsbury and the Mayoress, and at the Hospital by Theodore W. Luling, Esq., Chairman of the Hospital, and Mrs. Luling. H.R.H. Prince Arthur of Connaught, K.G., President of the Hospital, was regrettably absent owing to illness.

Mr. Luling welcomed their Royal Highnesses at the opening ceremony and spoke of the interest that members of the Royal Family had always shown in the work of the Hospital. Queen Victoria was associated with the old hospital for many years. King Edward and Queen Alexandra, when Prince and Princess of Wales, laid the foundation stone of the present hospital, and the present King and Queen, when Duke and Duchess of York, declared the building open in 1899.

The extension, he said, had been necessary to accommodate and
treat an increasing number of patients and to maintain efficiency. This extension had cost £113,000 to build and equip including the purchase of additional land. They had striven their utmost to open the building free from debt but were still short of the required amount by £5,000. An anonymous donor who had already given them £6,000 had promised £4,500 if the balance was raised by June 30.

The Duke of York in graciously declaring open the King George V Extension said, "We are very glad to know that by our visit here to-day we are forging yet another link in the long chain of association between my family and this great hospital. I wish to express my admiration for this wonderful out-patients department in which we are now assembled."

The Duke paid a tribute to the work of the voluntary hospital system, to the devotion of time and knowledge by the medical and lay committees and to the generosity of thousands of donors and subscribers who gave with no thought of personal gain but solely for the benefit of their fellow-men. He said that the chairman had spoken of failure "but I think we can regard it as a glorious failure to have raised the sum of £108,000 towards a sum exceeding £113,000. It is an effort for which those responsible are to be congratulated."

Concluding he said that it had been particularly desired that the new building, to which the King had given his name which was being opened during the Jubilee celebrations period, should be opened free from debt, and he sincerely hoped that before this period had expired those wishes would have been realized.

The Architect, Mr. Alec Smithers, F.R.I.B.A., F.S.I., Mr. John Greenwood, builder and Mr. H. E. Harewood, general foreman, and a group of workmen were presented to their Royal Highnesses after which they inspected the extension.

The main feature of the King George V extension is the new out-patients' department. It also contains new bacteriological and pathological laboratories, departments for ultra-violet ray therapy and electro-therapeutics, orthoptic training, museum, library, contributary wards for women and men, lecture theatres, dining rooms, nurses' common room and bedrooms, a sitting room for private patients and a flat roof garden.