

AMBULANCE STATION FOR GREEN LANES

Opened Yesterday.

Not only can the Borough of Hornsey boast of having in its midst classes for the instruction of ambulance work—being allied to the St. John Ambulance Association—but also of having an ambulance station in the Crouch-end district and one at the junction of Willoughby-road and Turnpike-lane, Green-lanes, the latter one having been just provided, and was formally declared ready for public use in the case of emergency yesterday afternoon.

Both stations are the result of public effort. That opened yesterday afternoon has been provided through funds raised by a concert promoted by Mr. and Mrs. F. Ede, of 45, Turnpike-lane, who had valuable assistance from such friends and neighbours as Mr. J. T. Mason, Mr. Curtis, Mr. J. B. Brooks, Mr. Debenham, Mr. Sholz, and Mr. Cooper, also the Rev. Cecil Cecil White, Vicar of St. Peter's, Harringay, who was kind enough to lend the parish room for the concert, and influenced many persons to support the affair. After deducting certain expenses, the concert was the means of placing £15 towards the cost of the station, and the balance of £24 was collected from a number of kind-hearted and sympathetic friends, including Dr. Brackenbury (Deputy-Mayor of Hornsey), the Hornsey Gas Company, Mr. Caffyn (Hornsey Brewery), Mr. Emerton, and Mr. Herbert; Police-constable Newman working in a most indefatigable manner in getting in subscriptions.

And, as we have mentioned, the station is now an accomplished fact. By arrangement with the Tottenham Urban District Council, the station is on a site just in the Tottenham boundary, and on the edge of Duckett's Common. It has been built by Mr. Charles Phillips, of 84, Park-avenue South, Harringay, the organiser and demonstrator of the classes in question. In passing, it might be stated that Dr. Downes, of Priory-road, is the lecturer. The body of the station is of wood, with panelled sides and door. The body is painted brown, and on it is prominently inscribed the word "Ambulance." The roof is of zinc, which is painted a greenish colour. The ambulance is of up-to-date type, and has been purchased from the St. John Association. The door will always remain unlocked, so as to minimise any likelihood of difficulty whenever the ambulance is required. That it may never have to be resorted to is our earnest hope, but this is, perhaps, too optimistic. There have been frequent accidents on the adjacent common amongst young fellows engaged in football contests. Recently a man broke his ankle in Turnpike-lane, and lay there the best part of an hour before he was removed, the ambulance having to be brought from the police-station, three-quarters of a mile away.

A large number witnessed the function of yesterday, amongst those immediately supporting the Rev. CECIL WHITE being Mr. C. Phillips (who wore his official uniform), Mr. T. Wilder, Mr. Folland, Mr. J. T. Mason, Mr. Curtis, Mr. Mortimer, jun., and Police-constable Newman.

In an interesting little address the CHAIRMAN sketched the history of the ambulance work in Hornsey and of the two stations, and then spoke of the value of "first aid." He considered this station was at a most important part of the Hornsey district. Proceeding, he spoke in eulogistic terms of the work of Mr. Phillips and Dr. Downes in connection with the classes, and also of what Mr. and Mrs. Ede had done in promoting the effort for providing this station. He hoped the public would keep an eye on it and see that no one took liberties with it because of the door not being locked. He had been informed by Mr. Ede that the ambulance could be used for the removal of bedridden persons on occasions of their change of residence—if not gratuitously, it would be a very small charge. ("Bravo.") Anyone requiring the use of it for such a purpose should communicate with Mr. Ede at his address, 45, Turnpike-lane. The speaker then declared the station open to the public, and added that the best thing he could express was that there would be no cause for the use of the ambulance. (Applause.)

A few remarks were made by Mr. EDE, and shortly afterwards the proceedings terminated.