

minutes before eight, to find the handsome meeting room of the Medical Society's House absolutely crowded to the very doors. I heard afterwards that there were ninety-four Members and seven visitors present, and that the meetings of the various learned societies held in the same apartment rarely attract half this number of people. I was told that Nurses were present from nearly every large London Hospital, and several Provincial ones; but Doctors were certainly conspicuous by their absence, for there were only three present.

DR. OCTAVIUS STURGES, the Senior Physician to the Westminster Hospital, took the chair punctually at eight o'clock, and in a few kindly words introduced Miss Wood, who then read her paper. Most Nurses are familiar with her earnest, straightforward writings, and the paper was couched in her most characteristic style. Mr. Editor tells me that he is trying to obtain Miss Wood's permission for the publication of the paper *in extenso* in these columns, and I will only say, therefore, that it contained two main propositions. First, that sick children required special Nursing; and, second, that the Nurses of sick children required special training. Although, several present did not agree with Miss Wood's views on some details, there is no doubt that she clearly and completely proved both her points. And so, evidently, the meeting thought, for after some discussion, in which Dr. Sturges, Dr. and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Mrs. Robinson, Miss East, Miss Foggo-Thomson, Miss Homersham, and others took part, it was put formally to the meeting, and carried unanimously, that the principles Miss Wood advocated in her paper were those most suitable for employment in the training of Nurses for sick children.

MR. BRUDENELL-CARTER then, with his usual graceful eloquence, proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, which was carried by acclamation. Dr. Sturges, in responding, said how pleasant and profitable an evening he had spent, expressed the hope that at future meetings more ladies would take part in the discussion, and proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Wood for her most interesting paper; this was carried with prolonged applause, and the meeting then separated. There are one or two suggestions I would like to make for future meetings. Either larger rooms or a closer disposition of the chairs will be required, or many will be disappointed, probably, in obtaining even standing room at future meetings. Next, it would be irregular, but I think it would stimulate discussion, if when anyone asked a question about the paper it could be answered at once.

I have no doubt Miss Wood was quite *en règle* in taking down all the questions, and answering them all together afterwards; but I am sure the method I venture to suggest would be productive of more animation, even if it be less business-like.

I AM delighted to hear that Miss Wood last week attended at a meeting of the Governors of the Children's Hospital, Great Ormond Street—at which Institution she worked, I hear, for nearly twenty-five years without any remuneration—and was presented by Lord Aberdare, the Chairman, with a purse containing one hundred guineas, a beautiful travelling clock, and an illuminated roll of the names of subscribers to the well-deserved testimonial, amongst which were those of Sir James Paget, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and many of the largest donors to the Hospital. While congratulating Miss Wood upon this recognition of her earnest and great services to the Institution with which her name will always be inseparably connected, one cannot help feeling that in any other country in Europe except our own, such work as Miss Wood has done would long ago have received more public and more substantial reward.

I HEAR that Miss Airy, now a Sister at Charing Cross Hospital, was summoned to Windsor on Tuesday last to receive the much-coveted Royal Red Cross at Her Majesty's hands, for services rendered to our wounded in Egypt during the late war. Miss Airy was trained at St. Thomas's, and has had considerable and varied Nursing experiences.

I AM asked to mention that the Guild of St. Barnabas for Nurses has so increased in numbers and influence as to justify the opening of a central office for the use of its members. The office is situated on the ground floor of 15, Brooke Street, Holborn, E.C., and is open every evening, except Saturday and Sunday, from 6.30 to 8.30; here the publications of the Guild may be bought, and tea and coffee can be obtained at a moderate cost. There will be a reference library of works on Nursing, and of such books as may be found useful to those working amongst the sick.

I AM glad to hear that Miss Pauline Peter, Matron of the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, has been presented by the Ladies' Committee of the Hospital with a silver tea service, and by the Nursing Staff with a silver tea kettle, on her resignation of the Matronship of the Hospital, having held the appointment for eight and a-half years. Miss Peters has been appointed Lady Superintendent of the "Scottish Branch of Queen Victoria's Nursing Institute." S. G.

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