

MISS MOLLETT made a brief reply. She said she herself was Matron and Housekeeper in one; she ordered what she wished for the nurses and what she wanted for the wards; she bought everything except the surgical instruments, and the Committee held her responsible for the expenditure. She would often like to give the wards things for which there was no money, but it was no use buying things the Hospital was not rich enough to pay for. The idea that a hospital must have everything of the best was a beautiful idea, but was not always feasible. With regard to the House Surgeon and the Matron going round at the same time, in principle she quite agreed with Mrs. Bedford Fenwick; she went into the wards whenever she pleased, but it was not good in a small hospital to go round at the same time as the Surgeon, for when she went into the wards she wanted to see the Sister, and she could not take her away from the Surgeon. Overlapping was a bad thing, and it was a great mistake to allow the House Surgeon to take the Matron's work in her absence. The first thing she had done, on being appointed to her present position, was to secure the appointment of an Assistant Matron, to represent her when off duty. Miss Mollett expressed admiration for Miss Palmer, and thought it an excellent thing that young house surgeons should be obliged to give that deference to the Matron's authority which in English homes men conceded to the Lady of the House, but which in hospitals she had to gain by her character. There was some difficulty with young House Surgeons working on their own account for the first time—they were apt to over-estimate their powers. As a rule, the Committee of a county hospital only cared that their work was well done, and the House Surgeons and Matron were left to arrange their relative positions by agreement. She thought a good deal of difficulty would be done away with if the Matron were really recognized as the head of the house.

Appointments.

MATRON.

MISS MINNIE LENG has been appointed Matron of the Wolverhampton and Staffordshire General Hospital. She was trained at Guy's Hospital as a Lady Pupil, and has since been Night Sister, the Sister of the Mary and Astley Cooper wards, and has held the position of Assistant-Matron, and has done the Matron's duty during her absence on leave.

MRS. FITTALL has been appointed Matron of the Crawley and Ifield Cottage Hospital.

"The League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses."

DURING the past week it has been decided to found an Association of the past and present certificated Nurses of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and a Provisional Committee has been appointed for the purpose of organizing the movement. The first meeting of this Committee was held on Wednesday, 2nd August, at which were present Miss Isla Stewart, the Matron; Mrs. Walter Spencer; Mrs. Launcelot Andrews; Miss Lofts, of Lewisham Infirmary; Miss B. Jones, of the Victoria Park Hospital; Miss Burleigh, of the Fountain Hospital; Sister Ophthalmic, and Sister Stanley. Miss Cox-Davis acted as Secretary. It is proposed that the Association shall be called "The League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses," a very taking title, and a circular was drawn up stating the objects of the League, which will be sent round to such nurses certificated in the School, whose addresses are known, inviting them to join. It is suggested that a Benevolent Fund shall be organized in connection with the League, so that members may be able to help those of their colleagues who have "fallen by the way," and that the annual subscription shall be 2s. 6d. The full text of the circular will be published next week. In the meantime, it will materially help the Secretary if those eligible and desirous of joining the League will send their addresses to Miss Cox-Davis, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, London, E.C.

This Association will, we feel sure, be a very popular movement, and will do much in the future to inculcate and maintain amongst "Bart's" nurses, sympathy, loyalty, and self-respect. It commands our affectionate regard.

Sketches from New Zealand.

NURSE (to little Samoan boy in a New Zealand Hospital): "To-morrow is the Queen's birthday, Bobby. I wonder if she will make me a Countess."

BOBBY (with a sigh): "I wish she would make me a man."

Hospital Ward. OLD WOMAN (listening to the storm): "What terrible wind, Nurse. I'm thankful I am not on the North Pole to-night."

NURSE: "If you were, Mrs. Brown, I'm sure you would soon be blown off!"

Mrs. Brown agrees, turns over, and goes to sleep.

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