

### Presentation to Miss Cureton at Cambridge.

An interesting ceremony took place at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, recently, when Miss M. Newcombe Cureton, who for fourteen years has acted as Lady Superintendent of the hospital, and has now retired from active work, to the great regret of all those who have worked with and under her, was presented, on behalf of the Weekly Board of the Hospital, with a handsome illuminated framed resolution of thanks and regret.

Miss Cureton was also the recipient of a beautiful Russian leather silver-mounted purse (the gift of Mr. Adams and Miss Raynes), containing a cheque for £822 2s. subscribed by her friends, and past and present nurses of Addenbrooke's Hospital, and, with the cheque, a book in vellum and gold (the gift of F. C. Clay, Esq.), which contained an address from the Mayor, and the names of more than 300 subscribers.

The presentation was made by H. M. Taylor, Esq., M.A., Mayor of Cambridge, who spoke warmly of the good work done by Miss Cureton during her term of service, and the general regret felt at her resignation.

The following address was contained in the book:

#### A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT TO MISS MARY NEWCOMBE CURETON.

On her resignation and retirement after fourteen years' tenure of the post of Matron of Addenbrooke's Hospital, a Purse containing contributions from more than three hundred subscribers was presented to Miss Cureton as a token of esteem and affection, and in grateful recognition of her loving solicitude for the Patients, her constant attention to the comfort and convenience of the other inmates of the Hospital, and her loyal endeavours to meet the wishes of the Governors and the Staff.

Signed on behalf of the Subscribers,

H. M. TAYLOR,

Mayor, Chairman of Committee.

Cambridge, October, 1901.

Miss Cureton also received many other handsome presents.

From the Honorary Staff, a silver-mounted travelling bag.

From the Sisters, a silver tea caddy and spoon.

From the Probationers, a large silver-mounted inkstand.

From the Porters, Servants, Laundresses, and Scrubbers, an electro-plated cake-dish.

She is thus leaving the post she has filled so honourably and well with every expression of esteem and affection.

Miss Cureton is a prominent member and councillor of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and we hope that after she has taken a much needed rest she will have

leisure to devote to more active work on its behalf than has hitherto been possible in her busy life. The co-operation of members who have held important appointments in the nursing world and have retired from active work is of great value, not only because they have ripe professional experience to bring to bear upon the problems which confront the nursing profession, but also because they are able to take an absolutely independent line.

### Changes at the London Temperance Hospital.

On Monday the Vice-Chairman of this Hospital, Colonel Sheffield, presented the Matron, Miss Lucas, with a gold bracelet, as a token of the appreciation of her services by the Board of Management, on her retirement from hospital work. Miss Lucas, who is a member of the Matrons' Council, has been engaged in nursing for some sixteen years, and has been associated with the London Temperance Hospital for the past eight years, first as Home Sister and later as Matron. Colonel Sheffield said that the members of the Board had very highly appreciated the manner in which she had discharged her services to the Hospital, and, although they had full confidence in Miss Richardson, the lady they had appointed in her place, yet it was with reluctance that they let her go. There were present, the Rev. Dr. Burns, Honorary Secretary, Colonel Bodond, and other members of the Board. The Chairman, Mr. Alderman Strong, telegraphed his deep regret that his magisterial duties detained him elsewhere. Miss Lucas has received presents from the members of the Nursing Staff, the servants and porters, and others connected with the Hospital, all of whom unite in expressing their sense of loss at her leaving, and in wishing her a very pleasant holiday in the South of France, for which she started on Tuesday morning.

Miss Richardson, who has succeeded Miss Lucas as Matron, was Senior Sister at the Hospital, where she was trained under the régime of Miss Orme, and has the South African War Medal for services rendered at the front in connection with the Boer War. This lady has the heartiest good wishes of all connected with the Hospital, and of a wide circle of friends, for success in her new rôle.

Miss Baxter who for the past fourteen years has acted as Lady Superintendent of the County and City of Cork Hospital for Women and Children, has opened a Nursing Home at Lincoln House, Harrow. The Queen has sent a very kind message to Miss Baxter, expressing her sympathy in the working of the Home.

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