

8. A design of certificate on parchment was approved and ordered to be printed.

9. A form of certificate of identity, as prepared by the Secretary, was approved and ordered to be placed on sale with the other official forms of the Board.

10. After consideration of tenders for printing and binding the Register of Cases [Rule E. 19 (a)], that of Messrs. Spottiswoode and Co., Ltd., 54, Gracechurch Street, E.C., and 5, New Street Square, E.C., was accepted. The Register can be obtained from Messrs. Spottiswoode, as above; price one shilling, postage extra.

11. The Secretary reported that as the Privy Council had raised no objection to the Board issuing their "Suggestions to County and County Borough Councils" on their own responsibility, he had sent out copies to all those Councils—about fifty in number—who had applied for them.

The Nurses' Co-operation.

PRESENTATION TO MISS CLUTTON.

On Friday in last week the members of the Nurses' Co-operation gave a most enjoyable At Home at the Howard de Walden Home in Langham Street. The guests were received in the entrance hall by Miss Laura Baker, the recently-appointed Sister-in-Charge, and in the restaurant by Miss Roberts, Lady Superintendent of the Co-operation. The restaurant, with its white and lemon-coloured tiles and marble-topped tables, looked most attractive, and, if the tea and other good things provided were typical of those usually served, then the nurses are to be congratulated on a very efficient caterer.

Tea being over, a large number of the staff and their visitors assembled in the Club Room. At a table at one end sat Miss Roberts, and the guest of honour, the retiring Honorary Treasurer, Miss Clutton. At the sound of a bell the hum of voices suddenly stopped, and then Miss Christie, a member of the staff, presented Miss Clutton, on behalf of the Co-operation, with a handsome silver entrée dish in the following terms:—

PRESENTATION.

MISS CLUTTON.—We are very pleased to welcome you here this afternoon, and the nurses wish to express their regret at losing your valuable services, and to thank you for the good and capable work you have done for us, your untiring energy and interest in us during the many years you have been our Hon. Treasurer, and though your health demands rest, you stuck to us until we were well started in this Home, and I am sure no one was more proud than you to declare us out of debt. I think, in spite of many evil reports, we can boast that there is no institution more flourishing than we are at present; with loyalty among ourselves, to each other, and to our Committee, there is no fear of our losing that position, and I feel now that we have got Miss Baker, one of ourselves here, she dare not make it anything else than a success. I am sure she will do everything in her power to make us comfortable and to make things go as smoothly as

they do at the office under Miss Roberts. And now, Miss Clutton, we ask you to accept this souvenir as a little token of our gratitude for all that you have done for us.

Miss Christie's speech was very warmly received, and the dish was then handed over to Miss Clutton amid much applause.

THE REPLY.

Miss Clutton then rose and said:—

During the time that I have acted as Hon. Treasurer to the Co-operation I have taken a deep interest in it, and shall continue to do so. I regret that there are many of the members whom I do not know personally, but you are so constantly out at work that it is only possible for a few of you to know each other or to know your Committee. I may say, therefore, that the Committee works harmoniously for the good of the whole Co-operation, and the one object of your Committee is that every nurse should have the same consideration. And now I have to thank you, which I do most heartily, for your beautiful gift. It will be to me a constant reminder of nurses for whom I have the highest esteem, and I shall always value it greatly.

One thing more I must say. I should not like to have resigned the office of Treasurer while any debt remained unpaid on this Home. A debt, properly speaking, it was not, but rather a loan freely made to us. But I have the pleasure of leaving the Home absolutely free of debt, and with the loan made to us for the building entirely paid off. I most sincerely wish all prosperity to the Co-operation.

Those present then adjourned to another room, where the musical programme arranged was excellently rendered and keenly appreciated. The utmost good fellowship and harmony prevailed, and the members present evidently made the most of the opportunity of meeting their friends on the staff. The exigencies of professional life prevent the frequent meeting of friends amongst nurses, and these pleasant social gatherings do much to stimulate friendship, and also to break down the barriers between the water-tight compartments in which the members of different institutions have, in the past, been somewhat apt to ensconce themselves.

The opportunities of social intercourse between nurses have so far been few. Let us hope that with the new century, and with broader views of corporate responsibility, a new day is dawning when we shall seek to cultivate fraternal relations with all members of our profession.

It is some indication of the popularity of the Home that, although there are forty-six beds available, they do not suffice for those members of the Co-operation wishful to avail themselves of the advantages which it offers, and two additional flats have been taken close at hand, where members can sleep, living at the Home in the day. These rooms are comfortably arranged, and promise to be very popular amongst the members of the staff.

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