

ing associations not working in connection with the Queen's Institute), Lady Mabel Howard and Lady Mabelle Egerton (County Nursing Associations), Lady St. Davids (South Wales), and Sir Archibald Williamson, M.P. (Liverpool District Nursing Association).

By the kindness of the Editor of *St. Bartholomew's Hospital Journal*, we are able to present to our readers the accompanying portrait of Miss I. Armitage, better known to Bart's men and nurses as "Sister Surgery," whose resignation of the position she has held with distinction for so many years we recently reported. The above journal contains this month a very appreciative note of Miss Armitage's work, her "overt and dramatic feats in the sphere of administration; her capacity for controlling mobs; her intuitions concerning hospital abusers and humbugs generally; her whimsical genius for dispensing court-martial justice to delinquents without hurting their feelings; as, for instance, by summarily degrading the talkers to the bottom of the queue of waiting patients; of many minor triumphs of administrative technique which have held the attention of the most casual observers of her system of government." Her biographer writes further: "I, contemplating what I am happy to think is now a long friendship, find myself wondering rather at the ingrained fineness of a character which has survived without loss so close an acquaintance with human nature in its least appealing phases, whether represented by the besotted and animal patient, or by the assertive and self-opinionated young resident of two hours' standing—and most of us have been that. Yet I can say that neither I nor anyone I know of has ever seen Sister Surgery put out of temper, though goodness knows she has been exposed hourly for years to circumstances calculated to aggravate the saintliest."

Miss Macintyre, the Matron, and the nursing staff of the Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan, came in for well-deserved thanks at its recent Annual Meeting, for their organization of the bazaar for furnishing the new Nurses' Home, the result of which, as we have recorded, was to raise a sum of about £500 for this purpose. Mr. Mawson, Chairman of the Board, in moving the adoption of the report, said the bazaar was entirely the Matron's idea, and she went heart and soul into it. The splendid success was only obtained by much hard work and anxiety on the part of Miss Macintyre and Sister Fletcher, and the Board owed them a deep debt of gratitude for all their

self-sacrifice and hard work. Had Miss Macintyre accepted many offers of help from her numerous friends the bazaar would have been on much larger lines, but from the first she refused all outside aid, and the work was all done by the staff, past and present. Mr. James Brown moved a vote of thanks, saying that a great number of people came to the Infirmary for the bazaar, and he believed those who visited it remained its friends for ever after. The Matron had assistance from nurses who were now scattered all over the globe. It showed the maintenance of an excellent feeling, and the Board ought to emphasize their appreciation of it. The Mayor said he would like the privilege of seconding the motion, which was carried with applause.

There can be no greater mistake than to permit sectarian influence within our hospitals, and we think the Board of Management of the Swansea Hospital are quite right to discourage it by adopting the minute of the House Committee referring to the circulation of a petition amongst the nursing staff in favour of the Establishment, which stated that, while recognising the right of the staff to the fullest freedom of opinion in religious and political matters, it had given instructions that in future no petition having to do with controversial subjects should be introduced inside the hospital.

Colonel Morgan, during the discussion, drew attention to the fact that in the recent procession (the Disestablishment demonstration) in the town, certain nurses in uniform took part. None of the hospital nurses were there. That is entirely another question. Outside hospital walls, when off duty, the right of the nursing staff to take part in any procession, social or political, which they choose, should be recognised by hospital authorities.

Lady Gladstone's scheme for the organization of an order of Nursing Sisters and the training of coloured nurses to serve their own people, as a memorial to the late King Edward VII. in Africa, has been somewhat adversely criticised, and, as in Australasia with the Bush Nursing Scheme, has not been enthusiastically received in South Africa as a whole. There was indeed opposition from the first, set in motion by no inconsiderable section of the population, who favoured an alternative scheme for the establishment of sanatoria for consumptive patients. Medical opinion was, and is, in favour of the sanatoria alternative.

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