Mr. Robert Donaldson, R.M.N., Retires.

NURSES will wish Mr. Robert Donaldson a happy retirement after a very full and varied career.

He commenced his training as a nurse at Woodville Hospital, Lenzie, Glasgow, and after passing the Final Examination of the Royal Medico-Psychological Association, came to London to join the Male Nurses (Temperance) Co-operation in 1900.

In 1908 he was appointed Superintendent of the Edinburgh branch of the Co-operation, and in 1913 returned to London as Superintendent.

Always very keen on the training of Male Nurses (about which he considered he held too advanced ideas at that time), on the passing of the Nurses Registration Act in 1919 he strongly urged that the Examinations of the R.M.P.A. should cease. As nurses know, this reform has only just become an accomplished fact, which, though late, must bring a measure of satisfaction to Mr. Donaldson.

He recalls the time when the premises in York Gate became too cramped for the fast expanding work of the General Nursing Council, and he was instrumental in obtaining the lease of the house in Portland Place, although his own Co-operation had been supplied with particulars concerning the rate of the same property. All ended well, as the Male Nurses Co-operation, Ltd., found other premises in Hind Street, but with less accommodation and double the price of the house in Portland Place!

In 1941, Mr. Donaldson was co-opted by the London County Council as a member of their Asylums Committee, and under the National Health Act has been appointed a member of their Management Committees; he also serves on the Management Committee of two of the largest hospitals in the country.

Although Mr. Donaldson is retiring from his post as Managing Director of the Male Nurses Co-operation, Ltd., he will still be able to keep his professional interests alive.

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