

At the annual meeting of the Association of Registered Medical Women, held at the New Hospital, Euston-road, London, Dr. ELIZABETH BLACKWELL, on behalf of seventy British medical women, presented to Mrs. GARRETT ANDERSON a handsome testimonial, consisting of silver candelabra, candlesticks, and a loving cup, on the occasion of her resignation of the post of senior physician to the New Hospital, which she has held for twenty years. The presentation took place in a large room at the New Hospital, which has been fitted up as a reading room and library for the medical women of London. Mrs. ANDERSON'S colleagues at the same time offered her the following address, dated October, 1892, which was read by Mrs. MARSHALL, M.D. :—

"To Mrs. Garrett Anderson, M.D.

"In view of your resignation of the post of senior physician to the New Hospital for Women, we, your colleagues on the staff, while regretting to think it irrevocable, wish to convey to you our deep sense of the loss that will be sustained both by the Hospital and by ourselves. We find it difficult to express the gratitude we feel for the services to which the Hospital owes, not only its existence but its present prosperous condition. To ourselves personally the loss is irreparable, but we hope that, as consulting physician, your connection with us will be a very close one, and that we shall still be able to avail ourselves of your unfailing sympathy and help in our work, and in all matters connected with the welfare of the Hospital. We fully recognise, also, the increased responsibility that will come upon us with your resignation, and it will be our constant endeavour to maintain the spirit of liberality and wide-mindedness that you have done so much to promote."

[Signed by the entire staff, viz., Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. de la Cherois, Miss Ellaby, Mrs. Scarlieb, Miss Cock, and Miss Walker.]

Mrs. ANDERSON, who was accompanied by Mr. J. G. ANDERSON and her daughter, after thanking Mrs. MARSHALL, Dr. BLACKWELL, and other donors most heartily for the address and the beautiful gifts she had received, went on to say that Dr. BLACKWELL had had in America, as she herself had had in England, the happiness of being able to help women into the medical profession, and of seeing the movement advance with a rapidity that had exceeded their most sanguine anticipations. Thirty years ago there were no medical schools at which women could study, and no examining body from which they could get diplomas. At the present moment there are eight schools in the United Kingdom, and eight examining bodies competing for the honour of teaching and examining women. In the London School of Medicine for Women, of which she (Mrs. ANDERSON) is director, there are 144 students. The road into the medical profession is open, and all that remains to be done is for medical women to go on working in the way they have hitherto worked, and in a short time all prejudice against them as practitioners will have disappeared. So far as the work of the New Hospital was concerned,

she rejoiced to know that since her resignation last October it had been carried on with at least as much success as before. A large proportion of very serious surgical cases has been admitted, and the results had been excellent. She looked forward to seeing many medical and surgical triumphs at the Hospital, though they would no doubt from time to time have cases that were disappointments. In conclusion Mrs. ANDERSON said she thought the kind donors of the testimonial she had just received had been most happily guided in their choice of a gift. Candlesticks, candelabra, and a loving cup were symbols of light and fellowship. Could they have given her anything better, or could she, in return, desire anything better from them?

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THEY kill several birds with one stone in West Bromwich. The Mayor of that town recently convened a meeting for the purpose of considering a scheme for inaugurating an annual musical festival in aid of the District Hospital. The Mayor explained that he proposed to inaugurate during the present summer a musical festival and fête to be held in Dartmouth Park. His object was threefold. He desired in the first place to assist in cultivating a taste amongst the people for good music; secondly to afford two days of recreation and enjoyment for the inhabitants; and the third object was to raise a substantial sum in aid of the District Hospital. He proposed to make arrangements for a brass band contest on one of the days, and on the other singing competitions would take place between choirs and Sunday School children in the district. This year if the scheme failed he was willing to bear any loss that might be sustained, and on the other hand, if it proved successful, the whole of the proceeds would be handed over to the hospital. The scheme was approved and committee were appointed to make the necessary arrangements.

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THE New Recreation Ground secured for the Students of the London Hospital Club's Union and situate at Lower Edmonton, was opened on Wednesday last by Lady CLARKE to whom Dr. Stephen MACKENZIE moved a cordial vote of thanks, which was carried with hearty cheers for her Ladyship. The company which also included Dr. Gilbert Smith (Chairman), Dr. Ralfe, Mr. Openshaw, Mr. Roberts (House Governor), Mr. Munro Scott (Warden), and Mr. and Mrs. Treves, afterwards watched a Cricket Match between past and present Students; and the Band of 2nd Tower Hamlets Rifle Volunteers provided a choice selection of music.