

**Hospital Notables.****MR. EDWARD FARDON,***Resident Medical Superintendent at Middlesex Hospital.*

OUR readers will share the interest with which we publish in this week's RECORD a portrait and sketch of Mr. Fardon, the new Hon. Secretary of the Royal British Nurses' Association, whose acceptance of the somewhat difficult position has aroused nothing but satisfaction and pleasure, both among the Medical and Nursing sections of the Corporation.\*

His appointment is not only popular, but it has inspired a hopeful belief in subsequent smooth and fair sailing, and Mr. Fardon may count on support from all sections of the Royal British Nurses' Association.

He has been keenly interested in Nursing questions ever since he took up the position of Resident Medical Officer at the Middlesex Hospital, where all his professional life, from the student days of 1874 to the present time, has been spent.

He and the well known, and much respected, Lady Superintendent, Miss Thorold, have worked together since 1879 for the benefit of the Hospital concerning which they are both so enthusiastic; and have specially devoted much care and consideration to the efficient training of the Nursing staff, and towards an ever-rising standard of excellence.

Being brought thus daily and hourly into contact with Nurses, from the development of the "raw material" of the Probationer, and onwards in evolution to the trained Sister, Mr. Fardon has had an exceptional opportunity of making himself acquainted with the needs and aspirations of Nurses.

And when is added to this experience and knowledge Mr. Fardon's personal qualities of kindness of heart and ready sympathy, he will be recognized as an ideal Hon. Secretary to the Royal British Nurses' Association.

He thoroughly realizes the hardships which were formerly occasioned to fully-trained Nurses by the fact that they practically took the same professional

position in the eyes of the public as did half-trained or altogether ignorant persons who chose to term themselves Nurses. But as Mr. Fardon says, "the public has now been instructed on this point, and they must be still further enlightened."

He has been connected with the Royal British Nurses' Association since its inception. It will be remembered that the first General Meeting of Members in 1888 took place at Middlesex Hospital, and Mr. Fardon at once joined. So that he ranks as one of the original members of the Corporation.

His experience of Committees and of public work in general, as well as his knowledge of how to deal with "all sorts and conditions of people" will be of great value to the Corporation—the position of Hon. Secretary calling for the possession of no little tact and ability. And these Mr. Fardon will bring to his new work, as well as very definite views as to what the Nurses most want and wish for in order to reach the highest point of professionalism.

He is specially interested in defining more thoroughly the best curriculum for Nurses, in establishing a good library, in furthering benevolent and helpful schemes for the benefit of the Nurses, and in providing good courses of lectures in connection with the Association. He has himself been for many years Lecturer on Nursing to the staff of the Middlesex Hospital.

He has been on the Committee of the Registered Nurses' Society since its formation, and his invariable punctuality in attending the meetings and the ready manner in which he has entered

into any proposal or scheme for the benefit of the Nurses or the Society, have shown his fellow workers what an admirable adviser and colleague he can be in matters connected with Nurses and their profession.

Seeing Mr. Fardon sitting in his pleasant room, hung with artistic etchings and engravings, and in the midst of his work, on cordial terms with all his fellow-workers, it is very easy to congratulate the Association on its new Hon. Secretary, and to congratulate them on so excellent an officer. To Mr. Fardon we would say, that we hope his tenure of office will be to him as pleasant an experience as we anticipate it will prove to the members of the Corporation.



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