

Gordon House Home Hospital.

It will interest several of our medical readers to learn that from the 1st of May the Gordon House Home Hospital, 12, Holles Street, Cavendish Square, will become the joint property of Mrs. Launcelot Andrews and Miss Ellie Bristow. It is with much regret that we are retiring from the Superintendence of Gordon House—a work in which for seven years we have taken the very deepest professional interest, but the increasing calls upon our time in connection with public work and in the conduct of the Editorial department of this Journal, renders it necessary that we should have more time at our disposal. It is with sincere pleasure that we are able to hand over the future welfare of the patients at Gordon House, to the care of our own old pupils—both ladies who during their Nursing career have used their great natural abilities so as to bring the utmost credit to their *Alma Mater*, and who have in consequence gained the confidence and appreciation of all with whom they have come in contact in their work.

Mrs. Launcelot Andrews entered the Nursing School of St. Bartholomew's as Miss Maud Wisden in 1885, and as the first Probationer of her year was awarded the gold medal in 1888. She was subsequently promoted to the position of Night Superintendent, and later to be the Sister of John Ward—a position she resigned upon her marriage in 1891. Mrs. Andrews is a Registered Nurse and a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and is also an Associate of the Matrons' Council. It is so few months ago since her colleagues joined in her grief at the irreparable loss of her young husband, that we feel sure her courage and devotion in again taking up professional work, will compel their admiration and sympathy, and that they will join with us in wishing her that success which she is certain to attain in her new sphere of usefulness.

Miss Ellie Bristow began her training at St. Bartholomew's Hospital in 1886, where she has also had a distinguished Nursing career. After obtaining her Certificate in 1889, she was ultimately promoted to be Sister of the gynaecological (Martha) Ward—a responsible position she resigns to undertake the equally responsible duties of Sister at Gordon House. Miss Bristow is a Registered Nurse and a member of the British Nurses' Association.

We can but hope that our successors will meet in the future with the same unvarying courtesy, kindness and appreciation as we have had the good fortune to experience from the eminent medical men and the patients who have visited Gordon House; and that their work will in consequence afford them the same deep sense of pleasure and satisfaction.

The Clapham Maternity Hospital.

THE Clapham Maternity Hospital issues an excellent report of the work carried on during the past year. The number of Nurses trained during the year was forty-two, while the cases admitted to the Hospital amounted to 318. The Battersea District Maternity Association, originally founded by St. John's Nursing Association, has been for three years under the management of the medical women connected with the Clapham Maternity, and from this centre the out-patient work is done. The training given in Nursing at the District Home is specially suited for village or district Nurses, or persons about to work in connection with Missionary Dispensaries abroad. It is not recommended to those who propose to become monthly Nurses in private families, as the latter require a training in details better acquired in the Hospital. The number of Probationer midwives trained at Battersea in 1895 was twenty-five, and of district monthly Nurses, nine.

The Nursing Exhibition and Conference.

THE Nursing Conference in connection with the Nursing Exhibition is being rapidly organised, and papers have already been promised by Miss Isla Stewart, Miss Mollett, Miss Margaret Breay, Miss Wallick, Miss Henrietta Kenealy, Miss Catherine Loch, and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and others.

It is hoped that the following subjects will be under discussion:—

“The Nursing of our Soldiers and Sailors.”

“The Profession of Nursing, Past, Present and Future.”

“The Training School.”

“Nursing under the Poor Law.”

“District Nursing.”

“Private Nursing.”

“Nursing in Home Hospitals.”

“The Training of Nursing Lecturers.”

“The Evolution of the Midwife.”

The Conference will take place on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of June, at which it is hoped many Matrons and Nurses will be present.

The Badge selected to be worn by the patronesses is a white satin ribbon with rose-coloured lettering—the colours of the *Nursing Record*. These Badges will be forwarded to the patronesses by the 15th of May, and will serve as a pass for those ladies who visit the exhibition.

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