

not think it a very feasible one. He did not consider that a university career would fit them for the work which would devolve upon them, and they would, moreover, probably possess some knowledge of mental mechanism, and their views would bring them into collision with the medical staff. The very argument advanced that they would possess the power of initiative, was, to his mind, an argument against their suitability. Docility was of the first importance in an asylum attendant. What was wanted was:

"A creature not too bright or good,
For human nature's daily food."

And again he held—

"Kind hearts are more than double-firs."

Though why there should not be a combination of the two he did not say. He moved the adoption of the report.

Mrs. Creighton seconded this, and was, as she ever is, wholly admirable—strong, dignified, self-possessed, never at a loss for a word, and enforcing all she had to say by her earnestness of purpose and her unmistakable sympathy—her personality was calculated to make other women in the room reflect with satisfaction that they belonged to the sex which she adorns. (We wonder how the Chairman reconciled Mrs. Creighton with his views on the degeneration of the frontal lobes in womankind!) Speaking from the point of view of an outsider, Mrs. Creighton said that the lot of asylum attendants elicited the sympathy of outsiders. She did not know much about them, but she did want to do something to help them in their arduous work. She thought the best and most devoted women were required as Asylum Workers. With regard to the Chairman's remarks as to university women, she hoped there was nothing in an university career to unfit them for life as Asylum Workers. The Chairman must not imagine that all women graduates took a double-first, or even obtained a tripos, though she was glad to say that most of them distinguished themselves in some way. What appeared to her necessary was that there should be the character and disposition required, and the call to the work, for one of the noblest professions.

Dr. Savage moved the adoption of the financial report, and took this opportunity of saying, "There is too much danger of nursing becoming a profession, and by that I mean professing too much. Too many general and mental nurses one comes across, seem to be professors of nursing, whose object is to wear clothes." Why this gentleman found fault with this very natural and modest desire on the part of nurses he did not explain.

After other business, including the election of Sir James Crichton Browne as President for the ensuing year, had been carried through, the Chairman said that concluded the business of the meeting. Miss Margaret Breay then rose to speak. Sir James Crichton Browne said the meeting was

now adjourned and anything she said would be quite informal. Miss Breay said she should be obliged if she might be allowed to say what she had to say informally. She desired to remove a misapprehension which she thought had been occasioned by the Chairman's speech. As a member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and as one included in the number of those who had been described as strenuously opposed—

The Chairman: "The meeting is adjourned."

And with this most characteristic stifling of all criticism on the part of Sir James Crichton Browne, the proceedings terminated.

Appointments.

MATRONS.

MISS ANNIE PHILLIPS has been appointed Matron of the Tiverton Infirmary and Dispensary. Miss Phillips was trained at King's College Hospital, and has since held the positions of Sister at the Orthopædic Hospital, Great Portland Street, and at the Victoria Hospital for Children, Chelsea.

MISS ANNIE FORD has been appointed Nurse-Matron of the Stranraer Cottage Hospital. Miss Ford was trained for three years, and certificated at the Royal Cornwall Infirmary, Truro, and afterwards acted as Nurse at the Dewsbury Infirmary for four years. She then was appointed District Nurse at Perth, and has for some years been on the roll of Queen's Nurses, as District Nurse at Kirkcaldy. Miss Ford is a Member of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and a Registered Nurse.

NIGHT SUPERINTENDENT.

MISS D. MACLEOD ROSS has been appointed Night Sister at the Victoria Hospital, Chelsea. Miss Macleod Ross was trained for three years at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Glasgow, and subsequently did private nursing in Jamaica. She returned to her training school in October last, and relinquishes her post there to take up her new appointment.

SUPERINTENDENT NURSE.

MISS EMILIE J. ABLITT has been appointed Superintendent Nurse at the Workhouse, Great Yarmouth. Miss Ablitt was trained at the Western Infirmary, Glasgow, and has had many years' experience of nursing under the Poor Law as Head Nurse at Shoreditch and Greenwich Infirmaries.

Appointments Abroad.

MISS KATE GOSSAGE has been appointed Matron of the Simmer and Jack Hospital, Johannesburg. Miss Gossage was trained at Guy's Hospital, and subsequently worked upon the private staff of that institution. She was then appointed Charge Nurse at the North-Eastern Fever Hospital, Tottenham, and afterwards Sister of the Women and Children's wards at the Swansea Hospital. Miss Gossage is a registered nurse.

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