

and I know not what besides; by this time it was nearly one o'clock, and we were all fairly hungry.

Having been presented to the Duchess, we shortly afterwards adjourned to the luncheon room, where we did ample justice to the hospitality of our gracious host and hostess.

After lunch a very pleasant hour was spent with the Duchess (the Duke having carried off the males of our party), who took us to her own rooms and showed us many beautiful pieces of tapestry and other works of art too numerous to mention, and was most charming and kind.

At three p.m. we left, this time being driven through a different part of the estate, and reached the Hotel only just in time to catch our train back to town, and I think in twenty-four hours we had seen more than most of us would see in an average month, but what had charmed us more than anything we saw was the courtesy and kindness of our host and hostess, and all we could say was, "Well, we have enjoyed ourselves from first to last."

Yours faithfully,  
A NURSING SISTER.

### Wedding Bells.

There is quite a clang of wedding bells in the air. First, it will interest our readers to hear of the recent marriage of Miss Alice Davies, late of King's College Hospital, to Captain de Brett, of the Royal Artillery. The wedding took place on October 30th, from Glencarse, Pitfour, the residence of the Bishop of St. Andrews, to whom the bride's brother is domestic chaplain. Mrs. de Brett holds the Greek Red Cross for her work in Greece during the Græco-Turkish war, and the African War medal, for her services in South Africa.

News comes from China of the engagement of Miss Marion J. Hislop, Senior Nursing Sister, Indian Army Nursing Service, to Captain Ferberd Buswell, Royal Army Medical Corps. Miss Hislop was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, is a member of its League, has been a member of the Indian Army Service since 1890, and has seen active service both in India, and lately in China.

Miss Lena M. M. Bewsher, of the Registered Nurses' Society, is engaged and to be married at an early date to Mr. Henry Monkhouse Dew, son of the rector of Whitney, Hereford. Miss Bewsher was trained at the Royal Southern Hospital, Liverpool, and was one of the first members of the R.N.S., of which she has been a loyal supporter for the past seven years. **THE RECORD** wishes health and happiness to all these victims of Cupid's dart.

### Presentation to Miss Griffiths.

On Monday in last week, a presentation was made to Miss Griffiths, Matron of the Lambeth Infirmary, member of the Matrons' Council, on the occasion of her resignation, after twenty-eight years of active and devoted service. The presents, consisting of a silver Queen Anne tea service, tea-spoons, silver cake basket, preserve dishes, and spoons, a walnut reading stand with brass fittings and lamp attached, subscribed for by the officials at Lambeth and Norwood, and of a pair of silver mounted flower stands from the domestic staff, were displayed in the Nurses' Mess-room. Every member of the nursing staff who could be spared from duty was present.

In the unavoidable absence of the Chaplain, the presentation was made by the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Quarry, who feelingly bore testimony to the value of Miss Griffiths' work, and of the sincere regret which he, together with all the other officers, felt that her resignation was imperative through ill-health.

Dr. Cowie also spoke in expressive terms of the harmony and goodwill which existed between the Matron and the Staff, and of the deep regret with which the news of her resignation had been received.

Mr. Thurnall, the clerk to the Guardians, alluded to the universal regard and esteem in which Miss Griffiths was held alike by the Guardians and the staff, and to her devotion to the well-being of the Institution and the interests of the Nurses and the patients.

Miss Griffiths was appointed Matron prior to the opening of the present Infirmary in 1878, at a period when a much lower standard of efficiency was considered sufficient as a qualification for Nursing. To a large extent she has been instrumental in raising the tone and qualifications of the staff, until now, with a well-organised and important training school, with a full three years' course of instruction, and with a body of nurses, well educated in their important duties, and of whom the Guardians are justly proud, she is able to look back with satisfaction on the result of many years of toil and difficulty, to see the fruition of her work, and to know that she carries with her the good wishes of those to whom she has ever been adviser and counsellor as well as Matron.

Her life's work forms a bright page in the Poor Law history of Lambeth; with many periods of anxiety she has steadily and constantly sought to improve and bring up to modern requirements the work of the Institution, and her devotion to duty may well serve as an example of what may be accomplished by unremitting energy combined with tact and discretion.

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