

from Sister Mark. He owed much to her and thanked her for it.

Mr. Bruce Clarke said that when he was house physician Sister Mark was Sister of Hope Ward and he always thought of her still as Sister Hope. He was glad of the opportunity of thanking her personally for all the work she had done. He was deeply indebted to her for her work in connection with patients he had seen in medical wards. He hoped that from time to time they would still see her at the hospital.

Dr. Norman Moore then spoke of the close relation which existed between the physician of a ward and the Sister-in-charge. The words of Sir William Church and Mr. Bruce Clarke conveyed what everyone associated with her felt as to the advantage this was. They all recognised her clear intelligence, unlimited kindness, and her devotion to the patients.

The Sisters of St. Bartholomew's Hospital were a very ancient family. The first application on record for a Sister's post was made in the reign of Richard Cœur de Lion by a lady living in Friar's Street, but it is not known whether the brothers entertained her application.

The first heard of as being appointed was Edina de Rittle, who came from the Forest of Rittle in Essex. Her father, a feudal lord at that time, gave a considerable gift to the hospital on her appointment. Since then the Sisters had steadily grown better and better, and at the present time he believed were the best the hospital had ever had. He would like to express his personal thanks to Sister Mark.

Sister Mark said she was not accustomed to public speaking, but she wished to thank Sir William Church, Mr. Bruce Clarke, and Dr. Moore for their kind words. She thanked one and all for their great kindness in coming there and giving her so beautiful a present. She could not say all she desired to say, she hoped Dr. Moore would say it for her, he would express what she wanted to convey much better than she could do.

Dr. Moore said that as he had on the previous day paid a visit to Cambridge where there was a dignitary known as the Public Orator, he thought Sister Mark must wish to confer this position upon him. But there was no such official at St. Bartholomew's Hospital and he hoped there never would be. He was sure what Sister Mark had said was what they all liked to hear.

A vote of thanks to Dr. Neligan, who undertook the organisation of the testimonial, proposed by Mr. Bruce Clarke, and seconded by

Sir William Church, brought the proceedings to a close.

Sister Mark subsequently gave a tea-party, at which many of those present were invited guests, when the tea brewed in the new teapot was pronounced excellent.

Of the twenty-seven years which she has spent in the hospital she has many interesting details to tell. In her early days the nursing staff of the ward consisted of one nurse on day duty in each ward, and one, not fully trained, on night duty.

The actual work then was heavier even than at the present time, as so many bad chronic heart cases, which are now cared for to a great extent in the infirmaries, were then admitted. The Sister consequently worked just as hard as the nurses, beside having all the responsibility of general supervision. She never in those days went to bed till after the House Physician had been round at night, and it was very seldom possible to get out. Gradually improvements were made, and the introduction of extra probationers to the wards lightened the work considerably.

Sister Mark speaks warmly of the kindness she has received from all the officials with whom she has worked, and particularly of the Matron, who has always been most kind, generous, and sympathetic with her work.

There are many Bart.'s nurses who will combine to wish her most cordially many years of happiness in the time of comparative leisure upon which she is now entering.

Nurses and Lead Poisoning.

The Exhibition of newest designs in Leadless Glaze China, which is being held by Mr. Norman W. Franks from May 2nd to May 19th at 25, Chepstow Mansions, Chepstow Place (off Westbourne Grove), should have a very practical interest for Matrons and nurses who come in contact with the results of lead poisoning. If all nurses who are concerned in replenishing crockery stores would make a point when ordering new supplies, of asking for that which is made with leadless glaze, they could substantially increase the demand for this kind of china, and so to decrease the evils arising from the use of a glaze in which lead is employed.

"If your baby does not thrive on fresh milk, boil it," is the advice given to a young mother in the correspondence columns of a domestic magazine.

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