

in the nursing world, which is certainly towards self-government.

Much sarcasm was expressed at the meeting, much that was absolutely beside the mark was said and suggested as to our motives. Most loyal nurses were labelled as disloyal because they had the courage to say that they believed the only sound and lasting policy was one of self-government, but all those things do not alter facts, and facts in the shape of figures certainly looked as if the nursing public were leaving the Association or ceasing to subscribe.

I feel compelled to resign lest I should be quoted as one of an Association of Nurses which is asking others to govern them. We both as women and as workers are perfectly capable of managing our own affairs and at the same time of being absolutely loyal and obedient to medical men in our professional work.

I am, Yours faithfully,
CHRISTINA FORREST.

Presentation to Sister Mark.

On Wednesday evening the Nurses' Library at St. Bartholomew's Hospital was the scene of a pleasant gathering, when the friends and fellow workers of Sister Mark (Miss Greenstreet) met to present her with a token of their regard on her retirement after twenty-seven years of work well done in the service of the hospital. Miss Isla Stewart, in making the presentation, said that Sister Mark was one of the finest nurses she had ever met, with a high standard of duty; duty had been her pleasure, and her example and influence had always been for good. As years went on it was, perhaps, not easy to keep up one's enthusiasm, but in this Sister had never failed, she remained enthusiastic to the last. It was always a special sorrow to Miss Stewart to part with one of the older Sisters, their knowledge and experience being so extremely valuable. She felt confident that those who had been brought into personal contact with Sister Mark would always remember her self-sacrificing devotion to patients and work. The articles presented were: A very handsome sealskin coat, a travelling clock, a framed photograph of Sister which will be hung in the archway of Mark Ward, and an album containing the names of the various subscribers. On the clock the Bart's Coat of Arms was engraved, and also the following inscription:—"Ellen Mary Greenstreet (Sister Mark). From her friends of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, in remembrance of many years of faithful work." "She riseth also while it is yet night. . . . She stretcheth out her hand to the poor. . . . Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all."

The Asylum Workers' Association.

The Annual Meeting of the Asylum Workers' Association, was held at 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W. In the absence of the President, Sir John Batty Tuke, who unfortunately was unable to be present, Sir James Crichton Browne presided.

The report was already in print and in the hands of those in the room, and its adoption was moved by the chairman, who, in the course of his remarks referred to the question of State Registration of Nurses. Asylum nurses must, he said, have special treatment in any registration system. He suggested the formation of a Parliamentary Committee to watch the interests of asylum nurses. He said also he was confident that asylum nurses did not wish to sever themselves from the doctors. If the governing body created under a Registration Act were composed of a number of self-assertive pushing women of the advanced woman's suffragist type it would spell disaster. It would, he said, be a help if the Asylum Workers' Association passed a resolution expressing its opinion that on any central board established there should be equal representation of nurses and medical men.

He thought asylum nurses should have assured pensions, and advised every member of the Association who has a vote to write to his Member of Parliament, and send him the memorandum on this subject.

Dr. Hyslop, of Bethlem Royal Hospital, seconded the adoption of the Report, and it was supported by Dr. Cooper, M.P., of the London County Council, and Mr. W. Crooks, M.P.

Dr. Cooper paid a warm tribute to Asylum Nurses who, were doing as heroic a work as that of the Fire Brigade, but their life was not lived before the public gaze. The hours of asylum attendants are, he said, far too long. He could not understand why the nurses in general hospitals do not revolt, but a fourteen-hours day in an asylum was even worse. He had tried to get the hours of asylum attendants under the County Council cut down and their pay increased. It would be equally good for patient and worker if an eight-hours' day were established. It was argued in defence of the longer period that the work of the attendants was analogous to that of domestic service. They were not doing anything except in the same way as a servant in a house. It was very difficult to convince men when talking to their pockets.

Referring to the remarks of the chairman as to falling into the hands of the women suffragists, he said that women could do more with Members of Parliament than men; in regard to the Government the only effective rôle was that of the importunate widow; the only way to get anything out of the Government was to worry, and worry, and worry. The women suffragists were going the right way to work. Men did exactly the same when they wanted the Suffrage, and no one thought any the worse of them. They pulled down park railings, and they got the vote.

Mr. Crooks said that there was no kind of service

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