

Captain Webbe, treasurer of the Presentation Fund, said that as the oldest member of the House and Finance Committee, it gave him intense satisfaction to be privileged to make this presentation to one whose talents and work were so conspicuous. Though twenty years was a large slice of a life comparatively little could be accomplished in it, but this he could confidently say, that no one in the room on reviewing the last twenty years could look back on such satisfactory results as could Miss Medill. The conditions of work of the nurses had been materially improved, the dietary was good, and the nursing staff was adequately housed. Capt. Webbe also referred to the loss the hospital had sustained in the resignation of Miss Colborne. Of a quiet and retiring nature she had endeared herself to all, and the inestimable services she had rendered for so many years were appreciated by the Board of Management.

On behalf of that Board, the medical staff, and past and present members of the nursing staff and others, Captain Webbe then asked Miss Medill to accept a silver bowl, and a purse containing a cheque for £280. He hoped the bowl would find a place in her future home, and that she would long be spared to enjoy the rest she had richly earned.

Mr. Byron, the next speaker, said that in addition to sharing in the gifts just presented the nurses wished to offer one which was entirely their own. This consisted of two albums, one containing the photographs, and the other the autographs of past and present members of the nursing staff. The albums contained in cipher a history of which Miss Medill only had the key.

Miss Medill, who on rising was applauded to the echo, said: "Never have I wished so much as now for the tongue of a ready speaker. I have tried to do my duty, and I feel from my very heart all the kind and friendly feeling which has been expressed: To the Board for its kind and generous support, to the Committee for their kind consideration; to the Medical Staff, to my colleagues in the hospital, and to my dear, dear nurses I offer all the gratitude I possess. I won't say 'farewell,' it is too sad a word, rather, remembering the great goal towards which we are all travelling, I prefer to say 'adieu.'"

The beautiful bowl bore the following inscription: "Presented with a purse of gold to Miss E. M. Medill by past and present nurses and the members of the Board and Medical Staff, on her retirement from the post of Matron of St. Mary's Hospital, October, 1906."

## The German Nurses' Association.

### THE BADGE OF HONOUR.

We desire heartily to thank the members of the German Nurses' Association for its Badge of Honour, which we have this week received. The Badge, which is of artistic design, is suspended from a ribbon of the German colours—red, white and black, and the document conveying this charming gift states that "the German Nurses' Association has presented to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick the Badge of Honour of the Association, in recognition of her untiring lifelong work for the uplifting of the profession of nursing." It adds that if at the time of the death of the holder a nursing museum, in which it can be placed, has not been founded in England, it is to be returned to the Association. The German Nurses' Association is bravely working for the uplifting of the nursing profession, and we can assure its members that it gives us very great pleasure to be an hon. member of their society, and thus be considered worthy to participate in their arduous labours.

## The Registered Nurses' Society.

"If you want all the nurses to go out in hot haste, just fix an At Home for a certain date—and few will be in to attend," says Sister Cartwright.

Anyway, once the date of our tea party was arranged, calls came tumbling over one another on the telephone—so that by Saturday, the 3rd, only a sprinkling of members could be present.

All the same, with guests the party was very enjoyable. The offices decorated with mauve and yellow chrysanthemums and golden leaves, set off a very pretty tea—and Sisters Lannowe, Boden and Butcher, in neat indoor uniform, helped Sister Cartwright to dispense hospitality.

Members of Nurses' Co-operations should avail themselves of every opportunity of meeting one another in social intercourse—nothing does more to cement kindly interest in a colleague, and to further the true spirit of co-operation than friendly chat.

Private nurses who do not live in community can so easily drift into isolation—than which nothing can more effectually narrow their minds and general outlook on life. Of all nurses those in private work need to keep in warm sympathy with humanity. To judge from the bright and friendly spirit of those members of the R.N.S. who met together at their At Home, they seemed keenly alive to the duty of fellowship.

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