

Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh.

RESIGNATION OF THE LADY SUPERINTENDENT OF NURSES.

Miss Spencer having intimated her intention of relinquishing her duties at 30th June next, the Managers have minuted their appreciation of her services and their regret at her retirement in the following terms:—

“The Managers have received with much regret the letter of Miss Spencer, Lady Superintendent of Nurses, announcing her intention of retiring from her post on 30th June next, on which date she will have completed thirty years of service in the Royal Infirmary, and they desire to place on record their high appreciation of her work during this long period.

“Entering the service of the Royal Infirmary in 1877 as Assistant to Miss Pringle, the then Lady Superintendent, Miss Spencer, during ten years, discharged her duties with such conspicuous ability and aptitude that she was, in 1887, unanimously chosen by the Managers to succeed Miss Pringle, who had received another appointment. Throughout the whole twenty years Miss Spencer has held the office she has given such unwearied, devoted, and whole-hearted attention to its duties as to call forth the admiration of all who have had opportunity of observing and knowing the amount and character of the work she has had to do. During this period, which has witnessed a large extension of the Infirmary, the manner in which Miss Spencer, in the midst of her difficult and responsible duties, has met the increasing demands upon the Nursing and domestic arrangements has been such as none but one specially gifted for the work could have done.

“Recognising as they do that the reputation and success of the Royal Infirmary as a House of Healing for the Sick and Suffering depends in a large measure upon the equipment and efficiency of its Nursing Staff, the Managers have great satisfaction in recording their warm appreciation of Miss Spencer's unceasing efforts by careful selection, by improved methods of training, and by attention to all that pertains to the comfort and well-being of the Nurses, to raise this department of the Infirmary's work to the high position it now holds. Further, the Managers have had, during all Miss Spencer's period of service, the gratification of observing the high tone which pervades the whole Department of which she has the oversight. They feel that this is eminently due to the influence of her personal Christian character and example, her wise supervision and to the lofty ideals of the noble and sacred calling of a Nurse which she has at all times striven to set before those

who were, or came to be, under her charge.

“The Managers trust that the sorrow Miss Spencer cannot fail to feel at leaving the work so near to her heart, may be mitigated by the knowledge that she has been privileged to give her best years to a calling and a cause worthy of life's highest ambitions and energies; and that she carries with her the affectionate regard not only of the present Nursing Staff, but of many hundreds of Nurses in all parts of the world who have been trained under her care. The Managers assure Miss Spencer of their genuine gratitude, their high esteem, and their cordial wishes that all good may attend her in the future.

“The Managers instruct the Clerk to forward a copy of this Minute to Miss Spencer.”

League News.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

Mrs. Kirkland Chapel (née Barlow) has been elected a member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.

THE STEEVENS' HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The first League of Irish Nurses formed, as we reported last week, in connection with Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, has for its objects:

1. Mutual help and improvement.
2. To keep nurses in touch with their *Alma Mater* and with each other.
3. To encourage nurses to use every effort to raise the standard of their profession, and to be loyal to each other.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership is open to all nurses in training or holding the certificate of the Hospital. Nurses from other institutions holding appointments in the Hospital may become honorary members of the League.

OFFICERS.

The Matron will hold office permanently as President, there is also to be a Vice-President, an Executive Committee, and a General Council, and to prove the progressive spirit of the Matron and Members two junior probationers are amongst those elected on to the Executive Committee at the Inaugural Meeting on January 6th.

The Badge of the League is to consist of the Crest of the Hospital, mounted in black, blue and white enamel, with the member's name inscribed on the back.

The League owes its inception to Miss Kelly, Lady Superintendent of Steevens' Hospital, and President of the Irish Nurses' Association.

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