

The Resignation of Miss Mollett.

At a recent meeting of the Committee of the Royal South Hants Hospital, at which Miss Mollett's resignation of the Matronship was received, her splendid work during her eighteen years' connection with the institution was warmly and gratefully commended, and it was announced that it is to be commemorated by a testimonial from the Governors. Those who remember the Royal South Hants Hospital when Miss Mollett was appointed, and compare it with the important institution which serves the sick of Southampton and district to-day, will realise the immense progress made in every department during her term of residence.

In answer to anxious inquiries, we reply with pleasure that although Miss Mollett is retiring from active nursing superintendence, her interest and help are not to be lost to the profession at large. Miss Mollett occupies a special niche all her own in the affectionate admiration of her colleagues at home and abroad. She is one of the Old Guard, of that highly cultured band of women who entered our hospitals in the eighties, and who have done so much to bring the nursing of the sick to that standard where it is recognised no further can it go without well earned legal status. Miss Mollett has been in the forefront of every movement for the better organisation of nursing as a profession. She was a founder of the British Nurses' Association, of the Matrons' Council, of the Leagues of Nurses movement, of the International Council and National Councils of Nurses, and she is one of the most cosmopolitan, deeply read, and literary members of the nursing profession.

We cannot possibly let her slip away from us. We cannot afford it, and indeed she loves us well, and will, I feel sure, be "one of us" to the end. At the same time, after a strenuous nursing life of close on thirty years Miss Mollett, like other women of fine mental calibre, "wants to be me" for a little while, so she and Miss Winterscale, her able "second in command" at Southampton, are retiring to a charming little home in Hampshire, about ten miles from Bournemouth, where they intend to lead the simple life, in close touch with nature, watch the earth sprouting, and tend the fruits thereof, and where they can devote themselves to their hobby, a model chicken farm. Trains, bikes, and penny stamps will keep them in close touch with

their large circle of admiring friends, and their guest chamber is already secured for weeks in advance.

"THAT'S FOR REMEMBRANCE."

Those of us who really love Miss Mollett are eager to offer her a little gift in gratitude for all she has done for us and our profession all these years—something which she will use daily in her new home, and by which we may be kept in constant remembrance. Why not a case for her beloved books? Those who desire to subscribe to this gift may send their donations to Miss Brey—before June 1st, at 481, Oxford Street, W.—who will act as Treasurer of the Fund. I know there are many who will welcome the opportunity.

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Resignations and Presentations.

The Reverend W. Lewis Robertson, referring at the annual meeting of the Cardiff and District Branch of the Queen Victoria's Jubilee Institute for Nurses (at which the Lord Mayor of Cardiff presided) to the retirement of Miss Morgan, the Superintendent, who is taking up a non-resident post, said that the success of the work had been due very largely to her great ability and devotion. Miss Morgan's good work at Cardiff is recognised by her profession at large as well as by those locally acquainted with it.

Miss Margueritè W. Pike, who was recently appointed Night Superintendent at the Northwood Hospital, Middlesex, has, for private reasons, resigned the appointment.

Miss Lane, the Lady Superintendent of the Cheltenham Nursing Institution, who is retiring after 25 years' work there, has been presented by a number of medical practitioners in the town with a silver tea service and tray. Miss Lane, in returning thanks to the donors, said she was overpowered by the kindness shown her. She trusted that her successor, Miss Cowling, would carry on the institution with satisfaction, and battle to provide good nurses, and maintain the traditions of the Nursing Home.

The Council of the Nightingale Fund has presented Mr. John R. Lunn (late medical superintendent of the St. Marylebone Infirmary, Notting Hill, W.) with a picture, inscribed with the words, "Presented to Mr. John R. Lunn, F.R.C.S., in recognition of his valuable services rendered to the training school of nurses at the St. Marylebone Infirmary at the time of its establishment by the Guardians of St. Marylebone with the co-operation of the late Miss Florence Nightingale until his retirement, July 9th, 1910, and in remembrance of the interest she took in it and the sympathy she showed in its success."

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