

There was, in fact, nothing that a Superintendent might not be called upon to do, including settling quarrels amongst the nurses. If nurses in an American hospital were having "cat and parrot" times they would settle their differences themselves, but Indian nurses were like children, and had to be treated as such.

Another difficulty with Indian nurses was their hatred and contempt of manual labour. The best way to meet that was to do the things you expected of your nurses. If they respected you, and saw you setting the example, they came round by and bye.

The Sisters of India Society was doing good work by developing a sense of service, but they were, she thought, mistaken in not encouraging girls to train in the ordinary hospitals, their idea being that the mercenary motive was too prominent in such hospitals. But in all hospitals, whether civil or mission, where the nursing was worthy of the name, there must be the spirit of service. The development of this spirit would mean the success of Indian nursing, and be the saving of India, for Indians, naturally, served only themselves.

AN IRISH HOSPITAL.

The Hon. Albinia Brodrick then gave a delightful account of Ballincoona, the hospital which she is building at Caherdaniel, where she said she, too, had to be everything in turn from a maid of all work to a doctor, including housekeeper, farm-hand, head quarryman, plasterer, contractor, nurse, and president of a co-operative society.

The hospital, Miss Brodrick explained, was 26½ miles from the station, so that it was more satisfactory to send for a ship to bring the necessities of life. These were then landed at the little quay quite conveniently. In Kerry they never thought of arriving at the hospital through the gate provided for the purpose; they preferred to get over a wall. If you proceeded to the hospital by the more orthodox way you would pass rape, oats, vetches, beans, and a wheelbarrow of old china, which looked untidy, but its mission was to provide grit for the fowls. You would probably also pass the door mat left out to dry in the rain.

The hospital was only part of a bigger scheme. Miss Brodrick expressed the hope that it would be a centre of industrial development, also that there might be two or three little beds for tired nurses. In Ireland they never said "no" if they could help it, and thus must make provision accordingly. As an illustration of this national trait, Miss Brodrick said if you tried perhaps to reconcile two men and get one to speak to the other, you would get such an answer as "not refusing you, but I couldn't possibly do it."

The speaker explained the need for co-operative trading, and the methods by which local traders would run up an account against a customer until he was hopelessly involved. The co-operative shop had taken £800 last year, and hoped to take half as much again this. By degrees they hoped to stop emigration and revolutionise that little corner of Ireland.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Spencer, from the chair, moved that the meeting send its affectionate greetings to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and she voiced the general regret at her enforced absence, and the sincere hope of all present that she would soon be restored to complete health.

This motion was seconded by Miss Rogers, who said how sorry they were not to have had Mrs. Fenwick with them, and to have missed her valuable paper, which they should all have so much enjoyed. This was carried unanimously and with acclamation.

THE WARDS.

After the wards had been inspected, the Matrons' Council were again conducted to the nurses' dining-room, where they were entertained at a regal supper at which a number of delicious dishes were provided, which the guests thoroughly enjoyed.

But what all the members of the Council really appreciated most in the lavish hospitality of their hosts of the League was the kindness and camaraderie, the good feeling that prompted and prompts these entertainments and that brings us all closer together.

All the Matrons felt proud when Miss Rogers said, "It is the proudest day of the League," and all joined heartily in the thanks to the League tendered by the Secretary at the close of the entertainment.

All of us who took part in the Leicester meeting carried away with us the pleasantest memories of a happy day, and those of us who travelled from London can add the recollection of a very delightful journey there and back.

M. MOLLETT, *Hon. Secretary.*

League News.

THE LEAGUE OF ST. JOHN'S HOUSE NURSES.

The League of St. John's House Nurses held their general meeting on Thursday, April 27th. The Hon. Secretary's report showed the continued prosperity of the League with always a balance on the right side. The members were entirely unanimous in their agreement in endorsing all that had been done in regard to the Nursing Masque, and their lovely banner was much admired. Sister Naomi, Sister Superior, was elected a member of the Executive Committee. After the meeting tea and talk became the order of the day, and the visitors had an opportunity of inspecting the house and chapel, both of which will soon be putting on a new summer dress.

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