

nurses for work by which their own duties are immensely lightened. Is this a form of the chivalry with which men treat poor working women, of which we hear in the press just now? If so, it is time to cease bragging about such a miserable sham.

The portrait we present of Miss Clara Barton is an excellent likeness of this lady, whose recent death in the United States removed one of the most devoted workers for the Red Cross Society, and for sufferers from sickness and accident, in the world. She was one of a group of wonderful American women whose mentality helped to arouse the conscience and stimulate the energies of the women of all nations. They were all in their smiling seventies when they attended the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893. Thankful we are we were privileged to meet them.

The General Hospital, Launceston, Tasmania, will suffer a severe loss in the resignation of its Lady Superintendent, Miss J. H. Milne, after nearly a quarter of a century of devoted service, during which time the training school for nurses has attained a very high reputation. At the meeting of the Hospital Board at which Miss Milne tendered her resignation it was received with very great regret. Both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman warmly eulogized the unselfish and noble work which she has accomplished, and it was unanimously agreed to recommend to the Government that she be granted six months' leave of absence on full pay. The Board unanimously decided to appoint Miss Oakes as Miss Milne's successor. Miss Oakes received her training at the Launceston Hospital, passing her examination with honours. After some years' work at the same hospital she was appointed to a position in Sydney, but resigned this post to return to her training school in a time of need, accepting a much smaller salary than she was then receiving in order to serve her Alma Mater; later she was appointed to the position of Matron at the Children's Hospital, Brisbane.

It must naturally be a great gratification to Miss Milne to hand over her work to so capable a successor, and that the good work of a pupil, trained in the nursing school of the hospital, should receive recognition by her selection to fill the position of Superintendent. It often happens that a post is advertised, when committees have practically decided to whom it shall be given. Much disappointment and unnecessary expense is caused thereby to candidates who have no chance of appointment, and

when an entirely eligible and suitable pupil of the school merits promotion a committee is wise to offer her the position and to avoid useless advertising.

GUY'S HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The popularity of the Annual Dinner of the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League was manifest on April 26th, when 120 members took their seats at 7 p.m. in the Dining Hall of the Nurses' Home. Married members, hospital matrons, private and district nurses, &c., &c., came from many different parts of England and Wales for the pleasure of once more meeting the old friends of their "alma mater." Some indeed who could not spare the time to stay in Town returned to distant counties by midnight trains. The business of the evening was transacted at the general meeting at 8 p.m., when the members were augmented by many others who could not arrive in time for dinner. In the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Miss M. N. Oxford (Sister Philip) the chair was taken by Miss Harradine, Matron of the Royal South Hants Hospital, Southampton. The Hon. Sec. gave a very satisfactory report of the working of the different sections for the year, and the result of the ballot for the election of representatives of each section on the Council was announced. Votes of thanks were passed to many friends, and on the conclusion of business the company gave themselves up to the pleasure of greetings and reminiscences of the "good old days," and to the enjoyment of music and song provided by the nurses in Hospital.

Among those present were: Miss L. V. Haughton the Matron, Miss Victoria Jones and Miss Swift, former Matrons, Miss Oxley (Norwich), Miss Atkey (Newport), Miss Jolley (Liverpool), Miss Bryan (Northampton), Mrs. Forsyth (Sister Kate Neale), Mrs. W. G. Stewart, Mrs. Densham (Sister Addison), Miss Aitken (Watford), Miss Davidson (Gravesend), Mrs. Philip Turner, Mrs. Higgins, Miss Minnie Leng, and many others.

It is announced that the King, who will be accompanied by the Queen, will open the new buildings, Wimpole Street, W., of the Royal Society of Medicine at 3.45 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21st.

Two new hospitals, which have cost upwards of £20,000, are to be opened in the district of Wimbledon in the course of a few days. The new Cottage Hospital at Copse Hill is now ready for patients. It is expected that the new Nelson Hospital, which has been built to meet the needs of South Wimbledon and Merton, will be opened by Princess Louise (Duchess of Argyll). It is named after Nelson, who made Merton his home, and there are eight wards named after famous battles, ships, and men, such as Trafalgar, Copenhagen, Victory, Vanguard, Hardy, and Collingwood.

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