

THE RESIGNATION OF MISS GERTRUDE ROGERS.

The resignation of Miss Gertrude A. Rogers, of the post of Lady Superintendent of the Leicester Infirmary, which she has held since 1883, has been received with great regret, not only by the Board of the Institution, but by the Medical and Nursing Staff generally. Miss Rogers began her professional career in 1875, and has spent thirty-three years of her life in the service of the Leicester Infirmary—twenty-nine in the responsible post of Lady Superintendent.

At their meeting on Wednesday, the 8th inst., the following resolution was passed by the Board, and steps are being taken to mark in a tangible manner the Board's appreciation of Miss Rogers' devotion to the Institution she has so long faithfully served:

"That this Committee receives with deep regret the letter from Miss Gertrude A. Rogers, the Lady Superintendent, announcing her wish to resign her office, after thirty-three years' service, twenty-nine of which have been passed as Lady Superintendent to the Institution. The Committee accept the resignation with reluctance, as it was their wish to make such an arrangement as would enable Miss Rogers to continue her devoted service for a few more years. As, however, Miss Rogers feels that the duties become more onerous with the advance of time, the Committee have agreed to accede to her request; and, in so doing, desire to place on record their sincere appreciation of the sound judgment, great ability, and unflinching courtesy which have always characterised her work; also their indebtedness for the fidelity and zeal with which she has administered the affairs of the Institution during this long period.

"Especially the Committee acknowledge Miss Rogers' great work in the development of the Training School for Nurses, in connection with the Infirmary. They realize that it is in a large measure due to her ability and personality that Leicester has become a prominent training school, and has built up for itself a high reputation in the hospital world.

"The Committee hope that, in the rest and retirement which come to Miss Rogers after a life so unselfishly devoted to her profession, she will have long years of health and happiness, and that memories of her life's work and the numerous friendships which have been formed in the training of her students, many of whom hold responsible positions in the nursing world, will be sources of constant joy and gratification to her.

"The Committee rejoice in the knowledge that not only is Miss Rogers respected, and her personality and charm of character a constant inspiration to her past and present students, but that her name and memory will be permanently associated with the future of the Institution by the Ward dedicated to her."

For more than a quarter of a century Miss Gertrude Rogers has stood, for those whom she has trained, as the personification of all that a Matron

should be—ideal nurse, able administrator, educationalist, teacher, and a great influence for good; setting ever before her pupils, by precept and practice, the highest standards of personal and professional ethics, so that the training school of the Leicester Infirmary, with its up-to-date Nurses' Home, and preliminary training facilities, without doubt ranks as a leading nurse-training school in the provinces.

Amongst her colleagues in the nursing world, Miss Rogers is also held in respect for her many talents and public spirit; and in affection for her charm of character. The loss to the Leicester Infirmary will be incalculable, but the nursing world at large cannot fail to be the gainer, for we feel sure that, after a rest, which everyone will realise is essential at the close of thirty-seven years' arduous nursing, Miss Rogers will continue to take part in the wider work for the nursing profession, in which she has always taken so deep an interest. When the Nurses' Registration Bill is passed into law, her expert services would be invaluable in the organisation of nursing, in connection with the Register of Trained Nurses, which will then be undertaken by the State.

It will be a difficult task to succeed Miss Rogers, and as the post is regarded as one of the plums in the nursing profession, there will doubtless be many first-class applicants. The requisite qualifications of candidates will be found in our advertisement columns, and we have no doubt that the Committee will desire to appoint a lady, as Miss Rogers' successor, who will carry on the high traditions for which the Nursing School has been famous under her guidance.

APPOINTMENTS.

MATRON.

District Hospital, Yeovil.—Miss Gertrude Pickman has been appointed Matron. She was trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, and has been Sister at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children, Edinburgh, at the East London Hospital, Shadwell (holiday duty), and at the General Hospital, Birmingham; Night Sister at the Brompton Hospital for Consumption, and Matron of the Victoria Hospital, Romford.

Isolation Hospital, Crewe.—Miss C. Page has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Union Infirmary, Leeds, and has been Staff Nurse at the Kendal Hospital, Head Nurse at the City Fever Hospital, Bradford, Nurse-Matron at the Fever Hospital, Morecambe, Superintendent Nurse at the Wolstanton and Burslem Union Infirmary, Stoke-on-Trent, and Matron of the Borough Sanatorium, Bridlington.

NURSE-MATRON.

The Infectious Hospital, Maidstone.—Miss Florence E. Widdall has been appointed Nurse-Matron. She was trained at St. George's Infirmary, Fulham Road, S.W., and has held the positions of Deputy-Matron and Night Superintendent at the Nottingham City Fever Hospital, and Matron of the Isolation Hospital, Rothwell, Leeds.

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