

PRESENTATION TO MISS G. A. ROGERS.

With some ceremony, and many expressions of appreciation and kind feeling, Miss G. A. Rogers, late Lady Superintendent of the Leicester Royal Infirmary, was, on Wednesday the 25th ult., presented with an annuity and an illuminated address by the members of the Board and medical and surgical staff in recognition of the great services she rendered the institution during a period of thirty-three years. Sir Edward Wood (chairman of the Board) presided, supported by a large number of governors and the medical staff. Miss Vincent, Lady Superintendent, and Miss Jessie W. Davies, the Home Sister, were also present.

The presentation was made in the Board Room, and Sir Edward Wood said he was sure they were all delighted to have Miss Rogers with them to give her an expression of their high appreciation of the very valuable work she had done in connection with that institution. It was impossible to review the history of the Leicestershire Infirmary without feeling how much they owed to the work Miss Rogers had done for a period of thirty-three years. All who had been associated with the institution in any capacity during that long period were the better, and their work had been made easier, by the help and guidance of Miss Rogers. His own experience, and that of his predecessor, Mr. Fielding Johnson, as well as the medical and surgical staff, had been that whatever difficulties might arise in managing the affairs of the Infirmary, whenever they had sought the help or advice of Miss Rogers, she had by her calm, sound judgment, been able to render them the greatest assistance. To the patients he knew she had always been a source of great comfort, her words of kindness and encouragement during hours of great trial and weakness having done much to further their restoration to health. Then the young medical men who were resident in the institution had always found in Miss Rogers a very staunch and true friend, and she had often been their adviser and counsellor. With the nursing staff she had always been held in the highest esteem. It must be a source of gratification to her to bear in mind that those who had been trained by her were scattered abroad in many of the important places of the earth, and were rendering useful service to humanity. Many of her old students had since been appointed to high positions in connection with large institutions throughout the country. The Board had on several occasions endeavoured to show their appreciation of Miss Rogers' work. When the Nurses' Home was built she was asked to lay the memorial stone, upon which her name would be inscribed for all time. Subsequently the Board were anxious still further to associate her name with the institution, and at their urgent request she very reluctantly consented to allow one of the wards of the new wing to be called the "Gertrude Rogers" Ward. They were deeply grateful to her for her interest in the Infirmary and for the influence

she had undoubtedly exercised upon the nursing world. The Board and staff felt they could not allow Miss Rogers to leave them without some expression of their heartfelt affection and regard, and as the result of a private subscription a sum had been raised for the purpose of purchasing an annuity for her. In addition to this the resolution passed by the Board had been engrossed upon vellum, and of this he now asked her acceptance.

ILLUMINATED ADDRESS.

The following was the resolution, unanimously passed by the Board of Governors at their meeting held on May 15th, 1912 :—

That this Board receives with regret the letter from Miss Gertrude A. Rogers, the lady superintendent, announcing her wish to resign her office after 33 years' service, 29 of which have been passed as lady superintendent of the institution.

The Board accept the resignation with reluctance, as it was their wish to make such arrangements 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 Board 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 unfailing 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 Board acknowledge Miss Rogers' great work in the development of the training school for nurses in connection with the Infirmary. They realise 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 Board hope that in the rest and retirement which come to Miss Rogers after a life so unselfishly devoted to her profession, she will have many 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, may be sources of constant joy and gratification to her.

EDWARD WOOD, *Chairman*.

ARTHUR GREY HAZLERIGG,

Vice-Chairman.

S. F. STONE, *Hon. Treasurer*.

HARRY JOHNSON, *House Governor*.

Speaking with some emotion, Sir Edward added that they desired Miss Rogers' acceptance of the bond for the life annuity which had been obtained for her. In addition, there was a cheque for £72, the balance of the fund raised for the purchase of the annuity, and this he also asked her to accept.

Others having borne testimony to the devotion to duty which had been the marked characteristic

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