

That is what one might call the *negative* treatment; of *positive* treatment there is practically none. With rare exceptions no drugs are given. The unit system (which I have mentioned before) is one of the newest things in hospital construction, and obtains here in this one year-old hospital. It consists of two wards, two isolation wards, two sun parlours. N.B., it is interesting to compare the two methods of treatment in respect of isolation, the results probably being equally good. Powdered soap is used here. I observe that the use of liquid and powdered soap appears to be getting very common; it is undoubtedly very convenient, especially for children and helpless patients.

The finest system of warming and ventilation is in force here. I fear I dare not encroach upon space so much as to describe it in detail. There are 64 nurses to 132 beds. I like to give the proportion as it serves the purpose of demonstrating the number necessary for the *efficient* nursing of the patients. This is one of the institutions affiliated to the Massachusetts General Hospital, so that the nurses in the course of their three years' training (which is meant to qualify them essentially for the nursing of children) obtain a few months' adult training. In addition the pupils also go to "Simmons's College" of Domestic Science, which is close by, for four months' training. I cannot say whether this is compulsory or not. Education and *more* education seems to be the "slogan" of the American nurse. Let us "follow after."

Anaesthetics are administered by a Graduate Nurse. In Hospital construction this one seems to be perfect. In another letter I mean to refer in detail to our visit to Boston as the guests of Miss Parsons. It was one of the happiest experiences of our tour.

BEATRICE KENT.

BICENTENARY OF THE FIRM OF ALLEN & HANBURYS, LTD.

200 YEARS IN PLOUGH COURT.

A firm who have established and maintained the prestige attained by Allen & Hanburys during a period of 200 years, and have branch houses in all quarters of the globe, have good ground for celebrating their 200th anniversary, and this interesting occasion was commemorated by the presentation of an oil portrait painting to Mr. Frederick Janson Hanbury, Vice-Chairman of the Company, painted by Mr. Percy Bigland, and a cabinet of silver and a silver centre-piece to his co-director, Mr. W. Ralph Dodd, with illuminated addresses. In view of the serious times through which the nation is passing, the presentations were made privately; but so unique an occasion cannot be passed over without notice.

The presentation of these gifts, to which employees of the firm, at home and abroad, subscribed, was made at the Liverpool Street Hotel by

Mr. F. W. Gamble, another director, who acted as Chairman, who, in the course of an interesting speech, said that the foundations of the Plough Court Pharmacy were well and truly laid by Silvanus Bevan, who "stamped the business with his own characteristic sense of justice and honesty." "Coming to our own time, the stage," he said, "is almost filled by the now venerable figure of Mr. Cornelius Hanbury, who attains next year to his golden jubilee as a partner in the firm, and creates an easy record of long and earnest devotion to his responsibilities."

Mr. Gamble reminded those present that their Vice-Chairman had been a partner in the Company for over 40 years, and it was a source of the greatest gratification to all the employees at home and overseas to have the privilege of offering him their congratulations, not only on the fact of this anniversary, but on the circumstances in which it found the Company placed.

Inseparable with the twenty-two years since the Company was incorporated was the name of Mr. W. Ralph Dodd, and they offered him congratulations on the bicentenary of the firm and on the personal position he had achieved therein.

It is interesting to learn from the speech in which Mr. Frederick J. Hanbury returned thanks for the gift made to him, that in the early part of last century most of the Anti-Slavery meetings were held at Plough Court, where Lord Brougham, Wilberforce, Clarkson, and other pioneers of this grand work were constant visitors. Mr. Hanbury further pointed out that outward circumstances and conditions were ever changing, but the fundamental principles by which the firm's policy should be governed were permanent and enduring.

This journal sincerely wishes the firm the continuous prosperity which its high policy has gained, and which it has so thoroughly merited. In particular, we have the warmest recollection of Mr. Cornelius Hanbury, as Almoner of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, during our tenure of office as Matron there. Nothing could exceed his consideration, courtesy and fatherly kindness, of which we have grateful remembrances.

LORD FRENCH OF YPRES.

It is announced that on the occasion of his elevation to the peerage, Field-Marshal Sir John French will assume the title of Viscount French of Ypres, thus commemorating the great battles in which he, and the little British Army then on the Continent, barred the German way to Calais.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

Give me a spirit that in life's rough sea,
Loves to have his sail filled with a lusty
wind.

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Two men looked out from prison bars,
One saw mud, the other, stars.

—STEVENSON.

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