

general nursing was frequently a necessary qualification. He considered that places should be kept open for asylum-trained nurses who went on to take general training; it was not fair that they should find the door for promotion slammed in their faces.

Another speaker hoped that in the near future there would be co-operation between the general and mental hospitals. The clinical training in general diseases was limited in mental hospitals. On the other hand, no nurse should be allowed to deal with the insane unless she had had mental training.

The re-election of Sir John Jardine as President was unanimous, and, from the chair, which he had taken when it was vacated by the Lord Mayor, Sir John expressed himself as much pleased with the compliment.

Lieut.-Col. Thomson, President of the Medico-Psychological Association, who moved the election of the Vice-Presidents and Executive, said that the medical members were working to remedy the unfortunate divergence of ways which existed in regard to the members of the medical profession engaged in the care of the sane and insane, as well as between general and mental nurses. Co-operation was necessary, or at least they should work on parallel, not divergent, lines. For the last three years he had been associated not only with mentally-trained nurses, but had been brought up suddenly against hospital-trained nurses, and he assured the meeting that the more he had seen of hospital-trained nurses—both the best and the worst—the more he thought of the asylum-trained. He thought the latter more human and sympathetic than the hospital-trained, and that they mothered their patients more. The resolution was briefly seconded by Inspector Keen.

The Rev. John Peck, who moved the vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor and speakers, strongly dissented from the view expressed by Dr. Mercier that the insane were unlovable; he thought them the centre of much that is lovable and attractive, but that workers amongst them require to possess very special characteristics. What was repellent in the insane was superficial. St. Peter, in the presence of his Lord, cursed and swore, but that did not represent his true character; and, under the surface, these brothers and sisters were very attractive.

Miss A. E. Macdonald referred briefly to the humour of asylum life as one of its alleviations, due to the loss of self-criticism by the patients; one should not laugh at the patients, but could often laugh with them.

The following members of the Association were presented by Sir John Jardine with medals for long and meritorious service:—

GOLD.

Mr. F. C. Adlam, Chief Attendant, Portsmouth Borough Asylum, with forty-one years and four months' service.

Miss E. Bucknell, Charge Nurse, Banstead

Mental Hospital, with thirty-two years and eight months' continuous service in one asylum.

SILVER.

Mr. D. McArthur, Head Attendant, Wonford House, Exeter, with forty years and two months' service.

Miss C. Parry, Head Nurse, Denbigh Asylum, with twenty-seven years and eleven months' continuous service in one asylum.

BRONZE.

Mr. J. Hayward, Carpenter Attendant, Worcester County and City Asylum; Mr. W. Morris, Attendant, Worcester County and City Asylum; Mr. J. Evans, Deputy-Head Attendant, Denbigh Asylum; Mr. E. Gibson, Attendant, Northumberland County Asylum; Miss M. Wilshire, First Class Nurse, Colney Hatch Mental Hospital; Miss E. Wilshire, First Class Nurse, Colney Hatch Mental Hospital; Miss M. J. Birtwhistle, Charge Nurse, Denbigh Asylum; Miss M. H. Jones, Charge Nurse, Denbigh Asylum; and Miss S. K. Hobbs, Special Charge Nurse, Colney Hatch Mental Hospital.

IRISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Club Rooms, 34, St Stephen's Green, Dublin, on the 1st inst. The President, Miss Carson Rae, in the chair.

Resolutions were read that had been passed by the National Union of Women Workers:—
(1) Urging the formation of a Ministry of Health, and (2) in favour of postponing the consideration of the Maternity and Child Welfare Bill until the Ministry of Health Bill is disposed of. The Committee were in sympathy with both resolutions.

The following were elected to act on a sub-committee for the Summer Session:—Miss O'Flynn, Miss Hezlett, Miss Reeves, Miss Ramsden, Miss Huxley, Miss Roberts and Miss Kearns.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

Lady Wills recently presented, at the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital, the two medals awarded to the nurses heading the list of probationers who took the recent examination to become Staff Nurses.

Eleven probationers of two years' standing underwent the examination, and all passed as follows: Gold medal, Nurse Jessie M. Willcox; silver medal, Nurse Jennie Thomas, Nurse Bishop, Nurse Dyer, Nurse Rawlings, Nurse Bassett, Nurse St. Aubyn, Nurse Perry, Nurse Ballam, Nurse Bultz, and Nurse Blake.

Lady Wills congratulated the nurses and those who had trained them. One recipient of a silver medal from this hospital (Nurse Sawtell) was on a torpedoed ship and lost her medal, but it has been decided to give her another in place of it.

A tablet is to be placed in the chapel to the memory of Sister Beaufoy, who lost her life for her country on a torpedoed hospital ship.

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