

succeed Miss Donaldson. The Committee of the London Temperance Hospital are fortunate in having secured the services of this popular lady.

THE RETIREMENT OF MISS DEANE, R.R.C.

The coming retirement of Miss Deane from her post of Matron at the East Suffolk and Ipswich Hospital is a matter of sincere regret, not only to the staff of the Hospital, but to a vast number of people in Ipswich and the district who have come in contact with her during the thirty-five years she has spent in the service of the Hospital.

At a gathering of the porters and domestic staff who wished to do her honour, Mr. John Moss, the Head Porter, as spokesman, said it was a great grief to them to have to bid farewell to one who had done so much for them and for all those who had passed through the hospital. He spoke of her untiring attention to duty, to her devotion to the sick, her sympathy with their relatives and friends, and said her noble deeds would long be remembered at Ipswich Hospital.

On behalf of the porters and the domestic staff, Mr. Moss then presented to Miss Deane a silver salver, upon which was engraved: "Presented to Miss Deane, R.R.C., by the Servants and Porters of the East Suffolk Hospital, on the occasion of her retirement, 1886-1921."

Miss Deane, who was evidently much touched, referred to the kindly feeling which had been shown to her throughout all those years, and wished to thank all from the bottom of her heart for the help they had rendered her as Matron. In thanking the donors for their gifts, she said that she hoped they would all do their utmost to help her successor (Miss Merriman) as they had helped her.

Before the gathering broke up all those present wished Miss Deane every happiness in her retirement, and hoped she would be spared for many years to enjoy her well-earned rest.

THE SEND-OFF OF MISS CROOKENDEN, R.R.C., FROM ADDENBROOKES.

The Nursing Staff, on the eve of the departure of Miss Crookenden, R.R.C., from Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, took occasion to express to her their loyalty and their regret at losing her, and she was the recipient of some lovely gifts. The Nursing Staff presented her with a gold initialled blue morocco dressing case, lined with moiré silk, with ivory fittings. On behalf of the porters and members of the domestic staff, the cook presented a beautiful seal handbag with gilt fittings; and a silver sugar bowl, purse, and card case were amongst the other gifts.

Miss Crookenden responded in a graceful speech, thanking all the donors for their kindness.

Many of the nurses attended the departure of Miss Crookenden at the station, and gave her a most cheery send off.

Successors to these popular Matrons will have to put their best foot foremost!

THE NURSES' HOME AT ALFRED HOSPITAL, MELBOURNE.

The popularity of the Alfred Hospital, which has for some time been finding expression in a remarkably heavy increase in the waiting list of patients, has led to the putting in hand of extensive building additions, made possible by the recent successful appeal to the public for funds.

One of the features of this added accommodation is the fine provision which is being made for the nurses. The nurses' home now being erected at a cost of over £25,000 (the foundation stone was laid by Mrs. George Fairbairn, wife of the President of the hospital, on July 8th) is the completion of the scheme started in 1908, when night nurses' quarters were built.

The home will contain one hundred and nine bedrooms, fifteen bathrooms, five pantries in connection with the four large sitting-rooms, a writing-room, a room where nurses can see visitors privately, an office for the administration of the home, five linen rooms and three box rooms, and all the usual sanitary conveniences, with hot and cold water to all baths, showers, lavatories and sinks.

A feature of the building will be the verandah and balcony and flat roof accommodation. There will be five verandahs and eight balconies on all aspects, with two flat roofs. Each nurse will have her own individual bedroom, there will be a number of sitting-rooms and a silence room for writing; and in connection with every sitting-room there will be a small well-equipped pantry for the preparation of afternoon tea, &c., and in which is housed the necessary cleaners' cupboards.

The buildings will be protected by fire hydrants and extinguishers, and are so designed that, though one large nurses' home, it can be divided into three fire-isolated blocks with fireproof doors, each block having its own complement of escape staircases. The architectural treatment of the building will be in harmony with the well-known features of the existing hospital buildings.

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

The Executive Committee of the National Union of Trained Nurses has decided to close the Employment Centre as from the end of September. The Secretary, however, will be pleased at any time to give advice or any help possible to members of the Union.

INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS SCHOLARSHIP AT BEDFORD COLLEGE, LONDON.

Many appointments have now been made to scholarship for the Course of Instruction on Public Health Nursing to be held during the forthcoming sessions at Bedford College for Women, London. *Kai-Tiati* reports that the New Zealand appointee is Sister Margaret G. Davies, A.R.R.C., Home Sister at Trentham Military Hospital, and it is reported that Sister Davies has a splendid nursing record, and also long war service, and from the certificates produced is an eminently suitable representative of New Zealand nurses.

The candidate will be required to give lectures on her return to New Zealand, the theoretical course including the following subjects:—(1) Physiology; (2) bacteriology; (3) household science (housewifery, laundry, cooking); (4) hygiene (child welfare, general, and personal).

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