

An address and a beautiful inkstand and ornaments were presented on Monday to Lord Knutsford by the President, Vice-Presidents House Committee, and hon. medical and surgical staff, to mark the completion of the twenty-fifth year of his chairmanship of the London Hospital and appreciation of the services he has rendered to that institution.

The address was signed by Queen Alexandra (President of the Hospital), and the presentation was made by Mr. W. T. Paulin (Treasurer), who, together with Lord Dawson, recognised handsomely the untiring work of Lord Knutsford for the London Hospital and the progress made in every department during the past quarter of a century.

In his reply, Lord Knutsford thanked his friends for their confidence and support, paid tribute to the deep personal interest of Queen Alexandra in the hospital, and referred to the improvement in the nursing department under the late Matron (Miss Lückes). He concluded by recognising the work of Miss Monk (the present Matron), who took over the duties at a difficult time, and assured the staff that their loyal help had largely contributed to the success of the hospital.

The announcement made last week that women medical students would not in the future be admitted to the London Hospital Medical School has naturally aroused the protests of progressive people, and the reason advanced—that of the difficulties which arise in teaching mixed classes—is not to be taken seriously. The medical profession has always been composed of men of robust middle class, who strongly resent the association of women as professional equals, and they do not intend to make things easy for the competition of the average medical woman. Correspondents in the *Times* put the question in a nut-shell. Dr. Michael Beverley writes:—

"Some years ago I was present in the operating theatre of a hospital at Brussels. Noticing two women medical students behind me, I offered them my place in the front rank, which they declined. To my remark, '*Mais, place aux dames,*' they replied, '*Merci, Monsieur, mais place aux dames n'existe plus dans les hopitaux.*' *Verb. sap.*"

Faith Ashford says: "Summing up Lord Knutsford's apologetic, we find that he approves of women as sisters and nurses (though they carry out the most intimate services for male patients), and of the investigation of female venereal cases by male doctors, and of the observation of female cases in the wards by groups of male students; that a nurse may be present with men at operations or in the wards but that a woman student should not; that a woman should not investigate a male venereal case; that, even exceptionally, a man should not have to work under an equally qualified woman. In short, that as long as a woman is in a subordinate position as nurse or patient, she may see anything, do anything, suffer anything (even dangerous labour) with, or under the observation of male students, but that men will not tolerate her in any other position."

### NURSE SENT TO PRISON.

Sentence of four months in the second division was passed on Ada May Gentry, probationer nurse under the Metropolitan Asylums Board, at Sussex Assizes last Saturday for falsifying the books of Messrs. Goddard Bros., fishmongers and poulterers, Bexhill, who formerly employed her as clerk.

It was stated that her total defalcations just exceeded £1,000. Her wages were 30s. a week with £20 a year bonus, and she entertained friends at cafes, travelled first-class on the railway, and spent large sums on dress, taxicab hire, etc.

The love of pleasure and display of girls, of all classes, is a sad feature of the age. For the poor it often means ruin.

### THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS OF THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE, BOURNEMOUTH, JULY 24th-29th.

The Right Hon. the Lord Mayor of London and Lady Mayoress will attend the Congress, and will act as Hon. Presidents of the Conference of Representatives of Sanitary Authorities and Section C, Personal and Domestic Hygiene.

Among the official Delegates appointed to attend the meeting, it is interesting to note that representatives will be present from Australia—New South Wales Government, State of Victoria, and Adelaide City Council; Tasmania—Hobart Town Council; Canada—Quebec Provincial Government; South Africa—Kimberley Municipality and Port Elizabeth City Council; China—Hong Kong Sanitary Department and Shanghai Municipal Council; Denmark—Danish Public Health Department; Singapore—Municipal Commissioners; and Ceylon Medical College.

### HOSPITAL AND SICK ROOM REQUISITES.

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The Report of the Conference on Lunacy Reform was published on Monday as a White Paper. It should be studied by those interested in the prevention of, and cure of insanity and the care of the insane.

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