

### PRESENTATION TO MISS M. E. SPARSHOTT, C.B.E., R.R.C.

On Tuesday, September 24th, a presentation to Miss Sparshott, the Lady Superintendent of Nurses, on her retirement from office, took place in the Nurses' Home, at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester.

The various gifts were on view all day in the probationers' sitting-room, and from early in the morning the room was crowded by past and present members of the staff.

The official presentation took place at 9 p.m. in the Recreation Room, which was crowded with Sisters and Nurses, past and present, and other members of the hospital staff, who had contributed towards the many beautiful presents.

Mr. Hazell, the General Superintendent, in presenting the gifts, made a short speech, in which he expressed the universal regret at Miss Sparshott's retirement, and commented warmly on her untiring work in the Royal Infirmary, and the selfless service to her country during the war as Principal Matron of the 2nd Western General Hospital.

He concluded by saying, on behalf of the whole staff, that he wished her many happy years and good health in which to enjoy her retirement.

Miss Sparshott, in a brief reply, said that her work had been successful only for two reasons—the help she had received from the God she had tried to serve, and the loyal co-operation of every member of the staff.

Among other things, she stated that during her time at the Infirmary, 1,824 nurses had been on the registers. She concluded by asking all to accept her sincerest thanks.

#### LIST OF GIFTS.

From the Nursing Staff (past and present)—Bedroom suite in walnut and oak, a cheque for £76, and a leather-bound book containing names and addresses of contributors. From Mr. and Mrs. Hazell—a mahogany bureau. From the Board of Management—Antique grandfather clock and barometer. From the Hospital Matrons' Association, Local Branch—Canteen of cutlery. From the College of Nursing, Manchester and East Lancashire Branch—Chesterfield couch and easy chair. From the Office and Dispensary Staff—Occasional chair. From Barnes Convalescent Hospital, Matron and Sisters—Electric kettle. From Matron's Maids and Corridor Women—Electric fire. From Matron's Assistants—Waterless cooker, butter cooler, and other kitchen utensils. From the Massage Staff (past and present)—Copper coalscuttle and fireirons. From the Matron's Maid—Rolling-pin, etc. From the Clerk of Works and Staff—Silver table-lamp and shade. From the Housekeeping Department—Set of Pyrex dishes. From the Committee of Nurses' Benefit Fund—Small mahogany table. And several personal gifts.

#### LEGACIES TO NURSES.

Mr. Walter Douglas Trickett, of Lench House, Waterfoot, Lancashire, left £5,500, his dogs, kennels, and motor-car, and the income for life from £6,000 to Nurse Margaret Geraldine Leeming, if in his employment at the time of his death.

Miss Leeming nursed Mr. Trickett for 19 years up to the time of his death.

Miss Evelyn W. Riley, of South Kensington, left an annuity of £104 to Miss Emily Johnson, hospital nurse.

Mr. Abraham Charles Crowley, of Croydon, left £1,000 for the purchase of an annuity to Nurse Jane Morgan.

#### THE PASSING BELL.

We greatly regret to record the death of Miss Martha Durward Farquharson, a pioneer of Nursing Education in Australia.

She was born in County Galway, and after receiving her training at the Crumpsall Infirmary, worked for a time with the Mildmay Deaconesses. The greater part of her professional life was spent in Victoria, Australia, as Matron of the Alfred Hospital, Melbourne, the Melbourne Hospital, and the Bendigo Hospital.

As an Hon. Member of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, Miss Farquharson kept in touch with her colleagues in this country, and was at one time a frequent and valued contributor to this Journal. She was also a Foundation Member (Councillor) of the International Council of Nurses, and her name is inscribed on the Scroll of Honour of the Diploma of the British College of Nurses. She was a woman of great public spirit, deeply interested in the progress of the Profession of Nursing. Holding her vocation in the highest esteem she was able to inspire her pupils with high ideals.

We learn with much regret from *The Nursing Journal of India* of the sudden death from heart failure of Miss Edris Griffin, at one time Hon. Secretary and Treasurer of the Trained Nurses' Association of India, and Secretary of the Health Visitors' League from its inception until 1928. Miss Griffin was also Principal of the Delhi Health School.

For thirty years she and her friend Miss Graham had devoted their lives to Indian mothers and children; last year they retired and looked forward to making their home at Bodmin.

The sympathy of many will go out to Miss Graham, thus suddenly bereaved of her colleague and close friend.

### THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Royalties have been very busy in the hospital world during the past month, and we note they have made many engagements to help and support hospitals and charities in November.

Gifts to hospitals are a prominent feature in a number of wills recently proved, as much as £40,000 having been declared in one day.

The Prince of Wales will preside at the inaugural dinner of the King George Hospital on December 18th at the Mansion House. An appeal is being made on behalf of a fund for the erection of a hospital of 300 beds to serve the Thames-side, which contains Barking, Becontree, Dagenham, Ilford and Manor Park.

Owing to the death of the late Lord Harewood Princess Mary, Countess of Harewood, was unable to fulfil her engagement to lay the foundation-stone of Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital, Hammersmith, on November 4th, and Princess Marie Louise consented to perform the ceremony.

The Duchess of York will open the extensions of the Hampstead General and North-West London Hospital on Thursday, November 7th, at 3 o'clock, when she will also receive purses towards the rebuilding fund.

Princess Arthur of Connaught has consented to open the bazaar in aid of the Middlesex Hospital Reconstruction Fund to be held on Thursday and Friday, November 7th and 8th, at 18, Carlton House-terrace, lent for the occasion by Lady Violet Astor. The bazaar will be open each day from 11.30 to 7 p.m., but the official opening by Princess Arthur of Connaught will be at 3 p.m. on the first day.

Lady Bertha Dawkins has received a cheque for £10,000 from an anonymous donor in response to her appeal for £100,000 for the Brompton Hospital for Consumption.

Those who love the dignity and significance of old-time ceremonies will read with interest of the ritual which accompanied the laying of the foundation-stone of the new buildings at Lord Mayor Treloar's Hospital at Alton with full Masonic rites. Lord Amphil, the Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England of the Freemasons, who laid the stone, sat on the dais on an embroidered throne, and "an hand full of corn in the earth," emblem of plenty, was scattered upon it; "the third part of an hin of wine," emblem of joy and gladness, poured over it; "an oil of holy ointment, compounded after the art of the apothecary," emblem of charity; and "the salt of the Covenant," emblem of hospitality, were also placed upon it. Both the Pro Grand Master and the Brethren were in full ceremonial dress.

An anonymous gift of £1,000 has been sent from London to a fund to build a new hospital at Cromer.

[previous page](#)

[next page](#)