

friends who seldom otherwise meet to foregather and cement old friendships over tea and delicious ices, and many expressions of pleasure were heard from League Members upon the re-election of Miss Dey for another term of office as President.

THE NIGHTINGALE FELLOWSHIP.

The July number of the *Nightingale Fellowship Journal*, which has just made its appearance, contains a most interesting article on the history of St. Thomas's Hospital (Part I) over the signature G.Q.R. (presumably that of the late House Governor, Mr. G. Q. Roberts) an address by Archdeacon Holmes, an article by Miss R. M. Hallows on training school conditions in the United States of America, in the course of which she says: "On the whole a sense of keenness and abounding vitality is the main impression which a visitor carries away. The American nursing world is out to learn from any and every source, and most generously willing to share whatever it acquires. This attitude, together with a wonderful spirit of hospitality provides an ideal atmosphere for the enquiring traveller."

Other interesting articles show that when nurses are persuaded to write they have quite a fair share of literary talent.

THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION.

Miss Eleonora E. Thomson, R.N., of Oregon, Acting President of the American Nurses' Association during the Biennial Convention of the three national Nursing Associations at Milwaukee in June last has, as announced in the *American Journal of Nursing*, been elected President of the Association for the term 1930-1932. In her Address to the Biennial on "Ideals for Service and Education," she concluded with the words: "In preparing this message I have made every effort to follow the lines of thought which were Miss Clayton's for her message to you, so I ask that you will feel, as I do, that this is not my message, but that it comes from her, and that she asks us to carry forward her ideals for service and education, as well as our own, in the democratic spirit in which she believed, and which she did all in her power to foster."

On page 197 we refer in our Editorial remarks to the visit of Miss Effie Taylor to this country, and what it implies. It gives us great pleasure to publish the portrait of Miss Taylor on this page and trust that our friends at Yale and elsewhere will think that we have done them service in inducing her to have taken so excellent a picture.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

The Duke of Connaught, President of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, unveiled, on July 15th, in the Main Hall of the hospital, a bust of the late Mr. Bernhard Baron, saying in the course of his address:

"Mr. Baron, one of the world's richest men as it is well known, thought of money only as a means of doing good to those less fortunate than himself, and to succour the sick and suffering.

"We, of the Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital, will always honour his memory. To this Institution, he

gave towards the erection of this splendid building, the sum of £10,000, a gift which is commemorated for all time by the Bernhard Baron Ward.

"I am glad to know that the hospital, which has been open for nearly two years, is carrying on its work for the relief of sufferers from injuries or diseases of the eye, in a successful manner. Patients coming from all parts of the country are greatly benefited by the skill and attention so generously given by our medical staff, and I feel that this great City has a wonderful addition to its splendid medical services for the treatment and prevention of blindness, than which there can hardly be a greater calamity."

The Committee of the London Hospital report that great stimulus was given to research by the gift of £50,000 from an anonymous donor, which is designated the Freedom Research Fund. One piece of work may be quoted—namely, that in connection with parrot disease—psittacosis. Several cases have occurred recently in England, and there are recorded somewhat severe epidemics in other countries. Hitherto the cause of the disease has been attributed to a certain bacillus, but

investigations at the hospital proved that it is in no way connected with this bacillus, but is due to a filter-passing virus.

The Rockefeller Foundation has informed the Senate of Sydney University that it will contribute £100,000 to provide laboratory facilities at Sydney in the departments of surgery, pathology, bacteriology and allied subjects.

THE MENTAL TREATMENT ACT.

The Mental Treatment Act, 1930, has now received the Royal Assent, and comes into operation on January 1st, 1931.

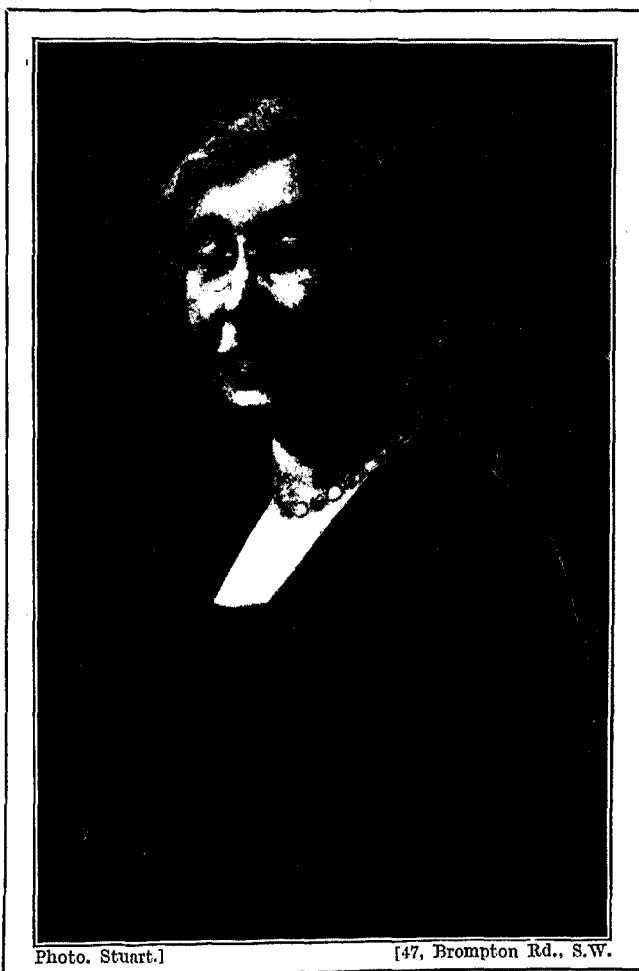


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