

number of cases do not experience this much-talked-of shortage.

"With the rapid advances in Medicine and Surgery, Nursing is rapidly assuming a more scientific nature, which demands more extensive theoretical training; this we know absorbs the time previously devoted to care of patients which made Nursing an art, but surely the solution to that is a prolonged term of training and instruction in Preliminary Training Schools."

Miss Rossiter's arguments are sound. We learn from many sources that there is little shortage of probationers where the system of training is efficient.

In our country towns, still so English, praise be! the voluntary Hospital is often the centre of kindly human feeling between all classes, and especially are the nurses in various institutions held in great regard. Much of course depends upon "Matron." It is therefore of paramount importance that she shall be a woman of "parts."



A group taken at the Mayor's Parlour at Walsall, when the Mayoress (Mrs. Dean) entertained the Matrons of the local Hospitals.

Top row (left to right): Miss Strachan (Walsall General Hospital), Miss Hart (Manor Hospital), Miss Wilkinson (Bloxwich Maternity Home), Mrs. Humphries (Beacon Lodge), Mr. Peter Thomas, Miss Bradshaw (Pelsall Hall Sanatorium), Miss Hall (Victoria Nursing Institution), Miss Bird (Goscote Isolation Hospital). Bottom row (left to right): Mrs. Ingram, the Mayor (Councillor W. Dean), Miss Holloway, the Mayoress, Alderman Ingram.

At Walsall this is evidently the case, and we present a unique picture of "The Mayoress and the Matrons." The former, Mrs. William Dean, by a happy thought recently invited the latter to tea in the Mayor's Parlour at the Council House.

The gathering was a delightful innovation in the Municipal social season—a fitting tribute to the nursing profession, and an indication of the deep interest which both the Mayoress and his Worship take in the welfare of the sick and in all philanthropic and social efforts.

The Parlour was adorned with palms and flowers. Daffodils and other spring flowers peeped from among the greenery, adding delicacy to the ornate surroundings. The tables, too, were artistically dressed for the occasion.

In addition to the Mayor and Mayoress there were

also present Alderman E. H. Ingram (Chairman of the Walsall General Hospital) and Mrs. Ingram, Miss Holloway (former Superintendent of the Walsall Victoria Nursing Institution), who was given a seat of honour, Miss Strachan (Matron of the Walsall General Hospital), Miss Hart (Superintendent Nurse of the Manor Hospital), Mrs. Humphries (Matron of Beacon Lodge), Miss Bird (Matron of the Goscote Isolation Hospital), Miss Wilkinson (Matron of the Municipal Maternity Home, Bloxwich), Miss Bradshaw (Matron of the Pelsall Sanatorium), Miss Hall (Superintendent of the Walsall Victoria Nursing Institution), Dr. A. Adam (School Medical Officer), and Mr. Peter Thomas (Mayor's Secretary) who was largely responsible for the arrangements.

The thanks of all concerned were expressed to Councillor and Mrs. Dean by Alderman Ingram, and particular reference was made to the presence of Miss Holloway, whom all were glad to see restored to health.

Miss Holloway seconded the vote of thanks to the Mayor and Mayoress, and Mrs. Dean replied in a delightful speech.

We have in memory a lovely party at the City Mansion House during the reign of Lady Baddeley—trained at Bart's and a member of its Nurses' League when she invited her colleagues to a sumptuous repast in company with the City's leading lights. We voted her a "real Lady Mayoress."

#### VALENTINES.

Alas! no one sent us a Valentine, but this year they have come again into fashion. Do you remember the lovely verse by Herrick to "His deare

Valentine, Mistress Margaret Falconbridge"?

Now is your turne (my Dearest) to be set  
A Jem in this eternall Coronet;  
'Twas rich before; but since your Name is downe,  
It sparkles now like Ariadne's Crowne.  
Blaze by this Sphere for ever; Or this doe,  
Let Me and It shine evermore by you.

#### TERRITORIAL ARMY NURSING SERVICE.

The Matron-in-Chief, Territorial Army Nursing Service, is very pleased to inform all members that the annual training in Military Hospitals, which was suspended during 1932, is to be resumed this year.

Members who desire to undergo seven days' training during 1933 should notify their Principal Matrons as early as possible.

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