

two casualty wards have been added, two blocks of wards have been modernised and further improvements are envisaged.

As a stimulus for the educational work of the Hospital Miss Allbutt, in 1926, instituted the Annual Prize Day and Dr. Bedford Fenwick handed out the prizes on the first occasion and made a sympathetic speech encouraging the nurses to go forward in their great profession.

Fulham is one of those hospitals which are in the happy, and somewhat unusual position, perhaps, of having a long list of applicants for training. Its Nurses' League bears an old traditional title dating from the time of the Saxons—"The Bond of the Tenders in the House of the Sick and Fulham." After the Meetings or "Moots" (to use the ancient Saxon word) a social gathering always takes place to which old "Fulhamites" bring their children and grandchildren sometimes; a warm welcome they receive here at their *Alma Mater*. There is also a flourishing social club, run by all ranks of the staff, and we have had experiences of the versatility of the dramatic side of this on Twelfth Night when the nurses have in their time "played many parts." It speaks well for the spirit of good comradeship which has prevailed that the Matron and her Assistant Matron have been responsible for the production of these dramatic performances with, they agree, the assistance of enthusiastic and able helpers.

During recent years the Fulham Chronic Hospital has been the responsibility of the Medical Superintendent of the Fulham Hospital, and in this work Miss Allbutt has taken a very keen and sympathetic interest. No one has a better understanding of the needs of the Chronic Sick than she has. The laundry was at the same time put under the jurisdiction of the Matron, no inconsiderable responsibility in these days of difficulty in securing staff.

Miss Allbutt is an Assistant Examiner to the General Nursing Council and had a seat on the Board of Examiners from 1933 to 1936. She has held office on the Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association and the British College of Nurses and is a Director of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

Once we asked Miss Allbutt to tell us her hobbies and she placed first her Hospital and Nursing Staff. She is an expert needlewoman and many beautiful gifts of her work she has made to friends and bodies in which she is interested; we envy her this proficiency in this art of the needle for, if it has at times been a solace while holding a post of great responsibility and of unending claims of all sorts, equally it will provide, we are sure, much enjoyment in retirement and give outlet for artistic faculties. But we pressed Miss Allbutt to tell us all her hobbies and she added to the list

reading, walking, especially among the hills, and wandering alone in foreign lands. We hope that her health will allow her to continue this last for we know how much she enjoys the adventures and sights of which she goes in search in these wanderings.

Many of Miss Allbutt's friends will deplore her decision to live out of London for she has a gift for friendship. Loyalty to her friendships and her professional policy have always been in her outstanding qualities, her loyalty to a cause has been weighed in the balance throughout the years and never found "wanting." Expediency is not in her dictionary. Her clear, practical vision has led her to see the right and she has always followed after it through good report and ill. No matron has been held in greater respect and through her resignation her nurses have lost a

wise counsellor, though they know that absence will not lessen her friendship. They must have been happy days, however arduous, those of her matronship, for always there was such an atmosphere of good comradeship and happiness, very discernible when one visited the hospital on festive and other occasions. Her friends wish Miss Allbutt a happy time in her new environment.

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SOCIETY OF REGISTERED MALE NURSES.

Resolution.

The Society of Registered Male Nurses has announced, in the following Resolution, its attitude to the Recommendation of the Interim Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services, dealing with Assistant Nurses. The Resolution arose on a Report by the Chairman, Mr. E. J. Glavin, R.M.N., on the proceedings of the Meeting of Protest, held under the auspices of the Royal British Nurses' Association on March 21st last, at the Caxton Hall.

"That The Society of Registered Male Nurses, having considered the Interim Report of the Inter-Departmental Committee on Nursing Services, and particularly those

paragraphs concerning the establishment of a Roll of Assistant Nurses, is of the opinion that, whilst it is necessary that untrained and partially trained nurses should be placed under proper control, it is definitely opposed to such a Roll becoming a responsibility of the General Nursing Council under the Nurses' Registration Act."

We welcome this declaration of policy from another wing of the profession and congratulate the Society on having formed its policy on lines antagonistic to the degrading of professional standards. Whatever the issue, when the present controversy is viewed in the perspective that will belong to the future, the Society of Male Nurses will have its place among those who had an unequivocal policy in relation to a matter of utmost importance to the profession and the Nation.



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