

PRESENTATION TO A FELLOW OF THE BRITISH COLLEGE OF NURSES.

The Fellows and Members of the British College of Nurses will learn with much pride and satisfaction of the appreciation shown by the Cambridge Public Health Committee to Miss I. Milne Mitchell, F.B.C.N., in recognition of her splendid services as Matron of the Isolation Hospital, Mill Road, Cambridge, in a public presentation to her on her retirement. We quote the following published in *The Cambridge Daily News*.

Leaving after 47 years' Combined Service.

Miss I. M. Mitchell, the Matron of Mill Road Isolation Hospital, is leaving after 25 years' work and yesterday afternoon Cambridge Public Health Committee made a presentation to her.

At the same time they also made a present to Sister M. A. Carnochan, who is leaving the Isolation Hospital after 22 years.

The presentations were made by the Mayor (Ald. A. A. Spalding) in the presence of the Chairman of the Public Health Committee (Mr. E. Saville Peck) and Mrs. Peck, the Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Smythe), Councillors D. Hardman, Dr. Wolf and Mrs. C. D. Rackham, Dr. Laird (the former Cambridge M.O.H.), Dr. French (the County M.O.H.), Dr. Frank Robinson (the former County M.O.H.), Mrs. Eva Hartree, Councillor Newman, the Rev. Ald. Pollock and Ald. J. H. C. Dalton.

The newly appointed Matron, Miss D. K. Bell, was also present.

"Loyal, Energetic, Kind."

She had four years' training in a fever hospital and then went on to have a very varied career at Edinburgh, Shrewsbury, Sheffield and other places. In 1914 she came to Cambridge, but when the war broke out she had to go to Malta and Gibraltar and work in military hospitals out there. She returned to Cambridge afterwards.

"Altogether she had excellent training for the position of Matron," he went on, "and on my visits to the hospital I have always found her ready and helpful, loyal and energetic and kindness itself. She has had considerable experience with undergraduates and on one occasion had no fewer than 60 in the hospital for treatment for German measles."

Her knowledge of housekeeping and dressmaking served her in good stead at the hospital.

Control of Nurses.

Dr. J. H. C. Dalton mentioned the Matron's good control

of nurses, and said the committee had always had great confidence in her.

Dr. Laird claimed to have known Miss Mitchell longer than anyone else present. He was working in a Glasgow Hospital in 1898 when he was told that a new nurse had arrived. He went to see her and found she was Miss Mitchell. He did not see her again until she came to Cambridge in 1914.

He paid a warm tribute to the work of Sister Carnochan, and said "I think they have both maintained the very highest traditions of what I have always regarded as quite the highest profession for women."

In her 25 years here Miss Mitchell had been considerably more than Matron. She had acted as emergency nurse and had taken relief duty, and had also acted as the resident physician of the institution.

"Her experience in fever hospitals has been a great standby to the Medical Officer of Health," said Dr. Laird.

She had practically been supervisor of the garden at the hospital; in her leisure time she had always been busy.

Sister Carnochan came from the south of Scotland. "I am glad both of them intend to make their homes in Cambridge," added Dr. Laird.

Dr. Smythe said he had warmly appreciated Miss Carnochan's really sterling work. "I have never met a better nurse," he said. "The force of her personality, as well as her ability as a nurse has seemed to pull patients through."

Presenting a divan to Miss Mitchell and a chair to Miss Carnochan, the Mayor thanked them both on behalf of all the

Cambridge people they had served at the hospital. "Not only is this an expression of the appreciation of those who had had closest contact with you, but it is an expression of the appreciation of a very much wider field."

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ARD-COMAIRLE BANALTRAN (General Nursing Council).

The General Nursing Council give notice that the fee for the retention of the nurses' names on the Register must be paid on or before October 31st, 1939.

Failure to pay the yearly retention fee (payable in advance) means the exclusion of your name from both the manuscript and printed register after December 31st, 1939.

Individual notices have been sent to each nurse on the Register, but there may be cases where nurses have not given notice of their change of address. In such cases nurses are requested to communicate with the Registrar, 75, Merrion Square, Dublin.



Miss I. Milne Mitchell, S.R.N., F.B.C.N., late Matron, Isolation Hospital, Cambridge. Alderman A. A. Spalding, Mayor. Sister Carnochan, late Assistant Matron.

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