

but he found in the asylum-trained nurse more capacity for mothering attention than in the nurses who had been generally trained.

Inspector R. KEEN (Colney Hatch), seconded the motion, and urged the Executive Committee to consider the suggestion that the name of their organisation should be changed to "Mental Hospital Workers' Association."

The motion was unanimously agreed to.

The President then presented medals to a number of attendants on account of long and faithful service.

The Rev. JOHN PECK (Holloway Sanatorium), moving a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor, the President, and the speakers, protested against the idea of the insane being unlovable. They were very precious in the sight of God and those who worked for them. It was true that if one looked at the surface only he found much that was unpleasant, but below the surface there was something precious. These afflicted people were engaged in a contest which was our problem as well as theirs. They were the centre of something sacred. That was why so many workers were attracted to them. Some of the finest people had at times displayed bad qualities. St. Peter in the presence of his Lord cursed and swore, but that did not prove that he was unlovable, and still more allowance must be made for the afflicted people with whom the members of the Association were concerned.

Dr. HELEN BOYLE (Brighton), seconded the motion, remarking that two things had particularly appealed to her in the speeches that afternoon. One was the dance arranged for nurses by the Dean of Windsor, and the other was Dr. Mercier's reference to the afflicted people and the nurses. Dr. Mercier's object was to point out how difficult the work in asylums often was, but there was help in the sense of humour, and some of the best laughs she had ever indulged in had been due to the humour of mental patients. Some of those patients had a jollier and happier time than sane people because they had lost the habit of self-criticism.

The vote was cordially agreed to, and the meeting came to an end.

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