

League News.

THE BART'S LEAGUE.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses' League it was decided to issue invitations to the members of the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland to be present at the Winter Social Gathering in December. As the senior and largest League, it seems very appropriate that Bart's should take the initiative in offering hospitality to, and thus drawing together, the influential Leagues and Societies represented on the Provisional Committee.

THE CHELSEA LEAGUE.

We made a very brief reference to the meeting of the Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League in our last issue. At the conclusion of the business meeting the President, Miss E. C. Barton, gave a short sketch of the progress and present position of the State Registration movement. The social function is always a great feature in connection with the Chelsea League, and for the greater part of the afternoon there were visitors coming and going to the sound of sweet music. At the Harvest Festival in the evening, at which the Bishop of Kensington was the preacher, the little chapel looked lovely. The Autumn League Meeting is made to coincide with the Harvest Festival, and the service always ends with the hymn for "absent friends." Afterwards there was tea and coffee in the recreation room, when the Bishop joined the members, and there was more music. At length good-byes were said after a most enjoyable day.

ST. JOHN'S HOUSE LEAGUE.

The autumn meeting of the League of St. John's House Nurses took place at St. John's House, Norfolk Street, Strand, on Monday, October 30th, at 3 p.m. There was a good attendance of members. The Report of the Treasurer, Miss M. Burr, afforded evidence once more of the ability of nurses to manage their own affairs. There was a substantial balance in hand on the general account, the *League News* had paid its way and also showed a small balance in hand, and the League has also accumulated a considerable sum towards the expenses of the next delegate to an International Congress. It was agreed that nurses who are working on the staff of St. John's House, and who are members of their own training-school League should, whilst working for the House, be invited into fellowship with the League without paying a further subscription, provided they undertook to become subscribers to the *League News*.

Upon the proposition of Miss M. Burr, seconded by Miss Laura Baker, it was agreed to send the following letter to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick:—

Dear Mrs. Bedford Fenwick,—It is with great pleasure I write to inform you that at a General Meeting

of the League of St. John's House Nurses, held on October 30th, a most sincere vote of thanks was accorded you for your energetic action in publishing in the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING* the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the proposed Society for the Higher Education and Training of Nurses, thereby giving an opportunity to the nursing profession to organise their opposition to the incorporation of the Society by the Board of Trade.

I am, yours faithfully,

MARY BURR,

Hon. Sec., League of St. John's House Nurses.

At the conclusion of the meeting the members adjourned to the nurses' sitting-room, where they refreshed the inner man, and where a most enjoyable time was spent; there was some excellent music and a recitation, as well as much friendly chat.

The announcement made by the Sister Superior that next midsummer the institution will move to Queen Square, Bloomsbury, was received with deep regret by the members of the staff, many of whom heard the news for the first time. St. John's House nurses have a deep affection for their Alma Mater, and the news that the Home in which so many happy days have been spent will shortly be in the hands of the housebreakers was unwelcome indeed.

Sir Patrick Dun's Nurses' Reunion.

The nursing staff of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, were "at home" one evening lately to welcome past members of the Hospital Training-School who were near enough to avail themselves of the opportunity of renewing old friendships and of visiting their old quarters. The Nurses' Home has recently been enlarged by the addition of a third house in Lower Mount Street, and is now amply provided with comfortable accommodation for the private nursing staff as well as for the pupils of the Preliminary Training-School and for the probationers.

Twenty-four "past" nurses were among the visitors; some were home from abroad on leave, others hold appointments as Matrons or Sisters at various Irish hospitals, and several are engaged in district or private nursing near Dublin. Many had not met since they trained together. The probationers had arranged an enjoyable programme of music and song, which, varied by some good "step dancing" and plenty of conversation, comprised the evening's entertainment. Although there is no league of "Sir Patrick Dun's" nurses, it is hoped that these social evenings may become an annual event; to make them more successful it is requested that old Dun's nurses notify any change of address or appointment to the Matron of their Training-school, which will never fail to take an interest in their careers, and news of their doings will always be interesting to their contemporaries still working at home.

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