

The Registered Nurses' Society.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Registered Nurses' Society, which was held at 431, Oxford Street, on Friday, was attended by very few members, as the name of only one Sister remained on the books as unemployed on that date, but those who were present had the pleasure of receiving a very satisfactory Report for the past year. The 120 members had nursed 969 cases, and the net receipts had risen to £9,835 12s. 6d., nearly £700 more than in the previous year. Thirty-five new members had joined the Society during the year, and steady progress had been made in every direction; an increasing number of medical practitioners had applied to the office for nurses, and by their valuable assistance had maintained the success of the Society.

Sisters Holliday, Dorran, Rawlings, and Tate retired in rotation from the Committee, and Sisters Metherell, L. Webb, Keen, and Stockham were elected to fill the vacancies; all of them had been members of the Society, and by their good work materially added to its solidarity, since 1899. The four members who had attended the International Conference on Nursing at Paris, had expressed their great pleasure at the kindness and hospitality which they received on all sides, and the very great professional interest which was aroused by the important matters brought before the Conference.

The Committee expressed their complete approval and satisfaction at the manner in which the Secretary, Miss S. E. Cartwright, had performed her onerous and very responsible duties during the past year, and after votes of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick for their continued interest in and work for the Society, the business meeting terminated.

THE RECEPTION.

A Reception was then held in honour of Sister Agnes Karll, President of the German Nurses' Association, who had attended the business meeting, and who was greatly interested in the work, thoroughly approving of its self-governing, co-operative principles. The rooms were beautifully decorated with pink and white gladioli, and other beautiful flowers and ferns, and amongst those present to meet Sister Karll and Miss Bella Crosby, of Canada, were Lady Hermione Blackwood, Miss Isla Stewart, Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C., Miss Barton, Miss Hulme, Miss Wortabet, Mrs. Okell, Miss Helen Todd, Miss Marquardt, representatives of several of the Nurses' Leagues, and the members of the Society, who could be spared from duty.

The unavoidable absence of Miss Genevieve Cooke was greatly regretted, as during her visits to Paris and London she has made many warm friendships, which will be kept active no doubt through the pages of the bright magazine, *The Nurses' Journal of the Pacific Coast*, of which she is the talented editor.

League News.

Thursday, July 4th, 1907, was a historical day in the annals of the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League, for on that day was held the Summer League Meeting, at which the welcome and honoured guest was Sister Agnes Karll, President of the German Nurses' Association.

There is something peculiarly uplifting in these annual gatherings of the League. Each year there seems a special cause for its being a marked day, so that when notice is given that on such a date a meeting will be held, all the members are aware that it will be an occasion worthy of any expense of time or labour to attend.

The keynote for 1906 was thankfulness and joy, inasmuch as the restoration to health of our revered and beloved President was celebrated. The year 1907 will be remembered as the occasion not only that for the first time did a representative of a foreign nursing school visit us, but it was the first meeting of British nurses in England at which Fraulein Karll was present. She took a deep interest in the way it was conducted.

The keynote this year was hope. Hope for ourselves as members of a vast community. Hope for the nursing profession, for truly as an echo from the recent Conference came the messages of help and encouragement; for what could be more bracing, more inspiring, than the knowledge that other women in other lands are seeking for, and, amidst many struggles, working for, the fulfilment of a true nursing ideal. For, spite of mistakes, and much in our methods that we deplore, we do, in coming in contact with other schools of thought, touch, as it were, perfect mines of wealth, kind acts, pure thoughts, in fact, high ideals,

"Hailing clouds of glory that have come
From God Who is their Home."

All these thoughts bring the responsibility of our position home to us. For surely the question rises at once to the mind on seeing such gatherings. For what purpose is this League? We know our desire, our objects, but are we carrying them out?

A solemn undercurrent of thought, going on side by side with the fun and mirth incident on meeting old friends.

The meeting was convened for 2.45 p.m., at which the President presided. The ordinary business was transacted. At 3.30 p.m. we adjourned to the large out-patients' hall, where many visitors had assembled, with the Associates of the League, amongst them being Miss Knight, Matron of the General Hospital, Nottingham.

The President introduced Sister Agnes Karll, who spoke earnestly for a short time, saying the pleasure it gave her to be present, explaining the objects, etc., the German nurses have in view, the history of their journal, the power and benefit they find it to be. The design on the cover, a cross, is taken from an ancient order who devoted their lives to a struggle against sin and disease. So these modern German women felt it applicable to their cause. Sister Agnes Karll strongly emphasised the fact that in the strenuous life by

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