

existence of the League was a testimony to it, and the League as a whole should co-operate in establishing this Memorial. She looked forward to the time when, at the summer meeting, which she always regarded as Founder's Day, the League would elect a Founder's Scholar. She proposed that an annual subscription be given to the Memorial Fund.

This was seconded by Mrs. Victor Bonney. The principle was unanimously accepted, and the amount left to the consideration of the Executive Committee.

#### DELEGATE TO THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS.

Provisional arrangements for sending a delegate to the International Congress, to be held at San Francisco in June, 1915, were next discussed. The President said that the Executive were quite definite that a delegate should be sent. It was unanimously agreed that a delegate should be nominated from amongst those who proposed to attend the Congress, and that the League should contribute not less than £50 towards her expenses.

#### THE INTERNATIONAL MEMORIAL TO FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

The President then invited Mrs. Bedford Fenwick to give the League some information as to the proposed International Memorial to Miss Florence Nightingale, and Mrs. Fenwick briefly described the scheme proposed, pointing out that the result of her genius did not belong to this country alone, and the nurses of the world desired to raise a living memorial to the memory of the great founder of modern nursing, as well as the marble statue which all would be delighted to see. At the Cologne Congress eminent delegates from all over the world supported the proposition for an educational memorial and all were agreed that the Chair of Nursing and Health, which they desired to see endowed, should be connected with an English university.

June 2nd would be Education Day at San Francisco in 1915, and the nurses of the world would bring their gifts and present them in the Greek open-air theatre at Berkeley, the dignitaries of the University of California being present at the ceremony.

The President said the proposition was that every nurse should give one Day's Pay. The Executive had appointed two members in the hospital to act as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Carver (Sister Rahere) and Miss Lardner (Sister Stanley). She hoped the married members and those not now in active work would back up these contributions with good donations.

#### REPORT ON STATE REGISTRATION.

Mrs. Shuter presented a Report, as the delegate of the League on the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, on the work of the year, laying special emphasis on the fact that it was memorable for the support accorded to the Nurses' Registration Bill in the House of Commons on March 3rd, when it gained a majority of 228 on its first reading. She urged that every influence

should be brought to bear on members of Parliament to press for time for the second reading.

Also that the enforcement of Registration laws in our Dominions beyond the Seas must give a great impetus to the movement in the Mother Country.

#### THE BIRMINGHAM CONFERENCE.

Miss Mew, Delegate to the Birmingham Conference, gave a brief report of the proceedings, referring to the speech of Mr. Gilbert Barling, Vice-Chancellor of the University, in favour of Registration, to the paper of Miss G. A. Rogers, the keynote of which was education; and to the stirring speech of Mr. Lionel Stretton on the same subject.

She also alluded to Mrs. Fenwick's paper on the Florence Nightingale Chair, to the interesting afternoon session on the first day, and to the hospitality extended by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress at the Council House, which she had the pleasure of attending.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the President.

#### THE SOCIAL GATHERING.

After the strenuous business meeting, when many professional subjects had been so ably presented and discussed, the Social Gathering in the Great Hall was specially welcome. The noble old Hall was beautified with lovely roses, and a sumptuous tea, supplemented with strawberries and cream in abundance, was not needed to draw groups of friends to the little tables so attractively set out. Never had there been a meeting where good comradeship, and sympathetic understanding were more in evidence or where there was a braver array of gold medals. Members foregathered from India, Australia, South Africa; and European countries, and were delighted to welcome as their guests representatives of other Leagues, including the St. Giles and Bloomsbury Nurses' League, and the new League of Southwark Nurses. Amongst other guests many of the older nurses were delighted to meet Father (now Dean) Fleming, "the only descendant of Adam present," as he somewhat quaintly put it.

As the bright sunshine flooded the Hall, King Edward VII and Henry VIII beamed good humouredly from their gold frames, at opposite ends of the Hall, on animated groups of modern nurses, not only "sweet and serviceable to noble knights in sickness," but the apostles of health, the champions of the weak and oppressed, loyal comrades, indispensable servants of the State, awaiting the crown of their reward, which, when awarded by Parliament—we hope in the near future—will be worn with the dignity and modesty which becomes those pledged to a life of great responsibilities and high endeavour.

#### LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The annual meeting of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League was held in the Recreation Room of the Nurses' Home, on June 18th.

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