

its own, no means of protecting its members from the women who take the fees and the name of "trained nurses" without going through the slow and painful process of being trained.

If we were a united body, such a state of things could not exist, for we should look on what touched the honour of our profession as touching our own. Let each member look on herself as a link in the chain which binds us all together, and remember that a chain cannot fulfil its purpose if even only one link be broken, and then our League, though comparatively few in numbers, may yet do something to "promote the usefulness and honour of the nursing profession."

G. A. ROGERS.

GENERAL MEETING.

An account of the General Meeting on June 9th, when the League was inaugurated, is contributed by Miss E. Pell Smith, whom the members have done wisely to elect as their Vice-President. Miss Pell Smith has always been a consistent supporter of all that makes for the usefulness and honour of the nursing profession, and where these are concerned considerations of personal advantage have no weight with her; she is always to be found on the side of right. We are glad, therefore, that her sterling qualities have received recognition at the hands of those so well qualified to judge of her worth as the graduates of her training-school.

COUNCIL MEETING.

Sister Lena, the Secretary and Registrar, gives an account of the first meeting of the Council. Then come the League Notices, the names of officers and members of the Council, the Constitution and By-laws of the League. Afterwards Nursing News, the appointments gained by, and changes in, the nursing staff, Hospital News, an account of the Recreation Club, and, lastly, a list of the League members.

We note that for the future probationers at the Leicester Infirmary are required to sign an agreement for four years. The training will still be for three years, but after a nurse has gained her certificate she will stay on for a fourth year as Staff Nurse.

At the next meeting of the League, on Thursday, November 12th, Miss Diana C. Kimber, whose name is well known to nurses as that of the author of "Anatomy and Physiology for Nurses," will speak on the Nursing of the Pauper Hospitals in New York.

We must not omit to note the frontispiece of the Journal, a charming picture of the new Victoria Wing, or that an engraving of the Badge of the League appears on the title page. The badge is in the form of a shield, bearing the letters L.I.N., connected by a scroll on which is inscribed the word League. Above the shield is the motto, "Unity and Honour," and the date of the foundation of the League—1903.

We sincerely congratulate the editor of the Journal on the high standard of excellence attained in the first number. We await the next issue with pleasurable anticipation.

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THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR NURSES.

The tenth annual Convention of the American Society of Superintendents of Training-Schools was held at Pittsburg, Pa., October 7th, 8th, and 9th. Owing to the excellent management of the Committee of Arrangements, the meetings of the Convention were held in the Hotel Shenley, which was also the headquarters of the members of the Society. While the attendance was not large, the meetings were characterised by an unusual degree of enthusiasm. The papers were excellent, the discussions energetic, and at the close of the sessions it was generally agreed that the meetings had been exceedingly interesting and profitable. Owing to the very generous and, in fact, lavish hospitality extended to the Society by the people of Pittsburg, it became necessary to encroach somewhat upon the time set apart for meetings, and the sessions were appointed for an earlier hour than usual.

FIRST DAY.

The first session was called to order at 9:30 a.m., the President, Miss Giles, in the chair.

The opening prayer was followed by brief addresses of welcome from the Rev. Maitland Alexander, President of the Board of Trustees of the South Side Hospital, and by Dr. J. H. McClelland, Chief Physician of the Homeopathic Hospital.

Graceful responses to these addresses were made by Miss M. Agnes Snively, Superintendent of Nurses, Toronto General Hospital, Canada, and Miss Anna Maxwell, the Presbyterian Hospital, New York. The report of the Council followed, giving the encouraging information that there were twenty-three new candidates for admission to the Society.

Letters of resignation were read and accepted from Miss A. I. Robinson, Galt Hospital, Galt, Canada, and Miss Sadie Young, Orchard Lake, Michigan.

Letters of regret were read from some of the older members, and letters of greeting followed. Among them was the very interesting letter from the students of Hospital Economics at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, which we have pleasure in reproducing:—

DEAR MISS NUTTING,—We, the present class of Hospital Economics, Teachers' College, wish to extend greetings to the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, and beg to acknowledge our indebtedness to that Society for the splendid opportunities given us for this advanced work.

We feel it a great privilege to be a part, however small, of this great University and to be able to spend a year in this beautiful spot.

We trust that our work may fully express our

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