

The Society for State Registration.

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

We hope that all members of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses who are not prevented by their professional duties will make a point of keeping free the afternoon of Friday, May 13th, for the purpose of attending their annual business meeting at 20, Hanover Square, W., both in order to keep themselves acquainted with the affairs of their Society and the progress which has been made, and also to show their appreciation of the work of those who during the past year have devoted much time and trouble to the furtherance of the Registration cause. At the conclusion of the business the meeting will adjourn for tea and coffee, on the kind invitation of the President of the Society, Miss Louisa Stevenson.

The Registered Nurses' Society.

TENTH BIRTHDAY PARTY.

On Thursday, April 28th, the new offices of the Registered Nurses' Society, at 431, Oxford Street, were unofficially opened, and the members welcomed their friends from 4 to 7 p.m. with justifiable pride, as the new home of the Society came in for a vast amount of praise and admiration.

Many friends had combined to make rooms and staircases all ablaze with exquisite flowers, and Sister Cartwright, who has a great gift in their arrangement, had, with the help of Mrs. Gower, made the very best of the blossoms and plants sent. Hampers of flowers were received from Mrs. Myers, of Dunningwell; Mrs. Farquharson of Haughton; Miss Cutler, Matron, Much Wenlock Hospital, and others who gave no clue to their generosity; and Sisters Fowler, Heather, Hoddinott, Bertha Holland, Mathew (from Ireland), McMahon, Scruby, and Yelland contributed a lavish supply. The scheme of colour in which the offices have been decorated received universal approval—pale pink and chocolate brown on the staircase; whilst in the two officer rooms the walls are pale green, and harmonise well with the rich red brown mahogany wood-work and furniture. The Board room is decorated in the self-same shade of bright pale green, with pale cream paint and ceiling; the curtains in old chintz of bright hollyhock pattern, softened with lace; green carpet, and some nice bits of old furniture, the whole suite a perfect bower of lovely flowers for the day—masses of rhododendrons, tulips in fine flaming shades, marguerites, forget-me-nots, polyanthus, lilies, daffies, and all the other exquisite things "which bloom in the spring."

A real good tea was made ready, and was daintily arranged, Sister Cartwright presiding over the family teapots; and Miss Brey, with her own particular machine, served delicious coffee. Sisters Tillott, Boden, Metherell, Rawlings, and James, dressed in

their pretty indoor uniforms, flitted around offering hospitality, and looking as well-trained nurses should look—healthy and happy, full of life and spirits, beautifully neat and nice. Indeed, it was a very cheery party, and when the guests had all gone, having said all sorts of sweet things, we felt with a glow of satisfaction that our Society, founded as it is on right principles—justice to patient and worker alike—will continue to succeed in the future as it has in the past. E. G. F.

Nurses' Examinations.

The next examinations of the British Gynaecological Society for its Maternity and Gynaecological certificate will be held on Thursday, June 2nd and Tuesday, June 7th. Forms of application may be obtained from Dr. Aarons, 14, Stratford Place, W.

We learn that the report of Mr. A. J. Pepper, F.R.C.S., as to the recent examination of nurses at the Central London Sick Asylum was very satisfactory. All the seniors passed, in the following order:—1, Nurse Dow; 2, Nurses Hyde and Mansfield (bracketed even); 3, Nurse Rodwell; 4, Nurses Alder, Palmer, and Parker (bracketed even); 5, Nurse Bennett; 6, Nurse Merrington; 7, Nurse Milburn; 8, Nurse Charles; 9, Nurse Westcott; 10, Nurse Sharp; 11, Nurse Briggs. The junior nurses all passed well also.

The Passing Bell.

We regret to announce the death of Miss Ann Georgina Digby, a most intelligent and promising probationer at the Central London Sick Asylum, Hendon. She was taken ill on April 11th, and died on the 23rd of suppurative pericarditis. The funeral took place at the Wood Grange Park Cemetery, after a short but impressive service in the Nurses' Home of the Infirmary. The body, preceded by the Chaplain, was borne into the Entrance Hall by the porters dressed in white suits with black ties. It was followed by all the medical and nursing staff—with the exception of one nurse on duty in each ward—the domestic staff, laundry maids, and scrubbers. The coffin was covered with beautiful flowers. The nursing staff at the Cleveland Street Sick Asylum sent a cross, the Managers and Clerk to the Board an anchor of primroses with a chain of Parma violets, while a 5 ft. cross sent by the whole of the staff at Hendon was composed of beautiful white flowers. The body was followed to the gates by the staff, only the relatives going on to the cemetery.

The Hon. Secretary of the Matrons' Council will be obliged if those members who are coming up from the country to attend the meeting on Friday, May 13th, will notify her of their intention

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