

Parish of Nottingham Nurses' League.

It is with much pleasure that we are able to report the formation of another Nurses' League, that of the Parish of Nottingham. Nothing is more encouraging than the uniform enthusiasm with which the League idea has been taken up in every case in which it has been suggested, and the immediate success which has followed the movement for these voluntary societies of the graduates of training-schools. We are, therefore, not surprised that Miss Dwight, the Superintendent of Nurses at the Bagthorpe Infirmary, and who was unanimously elected President of the League, writes in the first issue of its Journal:—

"It is now three months since we first met to inaugurate our League, and I am amazed at the rapidity with which the idea has developed; the success it has achieved has far surpassed all my expectations. In this short space of time we have no fewer than eighty members, so I feel that my best hopes for its success in the future are more than likely to be fully realised."

The objects of the Parish of Nottingham League are:—

1. To arouse amongst its members a keener interest in the nursing questions of the day.
2. To strengthen the bond of union between past and present members of the nursing staff.
3. To keep a register of nurses.
4. To extend the already organised recreation club.

The officers are:—

President.—Miss E. F. Dwight.

Vice-President.—Sister Aldrich.

Secretary.—Sister Myers.

Registrar.—Sister Cawood.

Treasurer.—Nurse Cotton.

The business of the League is managed by a Council. There is also a Recreation Committee, and a Catering Committee. We congratulate the members of the latest League most heartily on its formation. Now that the preliminary steps have been taken to form a National Council of Nurses in this country, and an invitation has been received from Miss L. L. Dock, the Hon. Secretary, to affiliate with the International Council, membership of a League directly opens the way to national and international friendship. We hope that at a meeting of the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses to be held in London when we settle down to the winter's work the Parish of Nottingham Nurses' League will be represented.

In conclusion, we heartily congratulate it on its admirable Journal, excellently printed by E. H. Lee, of Nottingham. We look forward with pleasure to its next issue.

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Lord Alington, who died in February last, bequeathed to his nurse, Miss Ann Maria Seignor, who is on the staff of St. John's House, Norfolk Street, Strand, an annuity of £30, a generous appreciation of services rendered.

We have received a most interesting syllabus of the educational course for probationers at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge. We regret that pressure on our space will not permit us to publish it this week, but we hope to do so in an early issue. The course is for three years, and the probationers pay a premium of £20 the first year and £10 the second. In view of the excellence of the curriculum, we have no doubt there will be plenty of applicants for admission to the school. The fitting conclusion of so thorough a course is that those who pass through it successfully should receive State recognition. At present what inducement is there to women to qualify thoroughly as nurses when rejected candidates of the training-schools, and many women without even the smattering of knowledge these have attained, can find employment as private nurses on the same terms as those who have given time and money to honestly learn their work?

In connection with the laying of the foundation-stone of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, it should be mentioned that the furnishing of the pavilion was carried out by Messrs. Thomas Wallis and Co., Ltd., free of cost to the hospital.

The following incident, which occurred last week in the Northampton Hospital, serves to exemplify the risks to which nurses are subjected in the performance of their work. A male patient, who was under treatment for heart trouble, suddenly went raving mad, and, jumping from his bed, broke a window and tried to leap from it. Being pulled back, he seized a razor from his locker and cut his throat. After a desperate struggle, in which he kicked and bit some of the nurses, he freed himself and again cut his throat, inflicting serious injuries. He has since been certified insane.

The medals awarded to the nurses at the Bradford Children's Hospital were last week presented by the Mayor. Dr. W. H. Thompson, an hon.

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