

autres—l'altruisme—doit prendre la place de l'egoisme naturel.

"Maitresse de soi-même—et les malades marcheront."

League News.

The Annual Meeting of the League of St. John's House was held on Saturday, October 12th, at 12, Queen Square, Bloomsbury. It was an unusually, well attended meeting showing that there is no decline in the interest of the members.

The Report of the Hon. Secretary showed steady progress all along the line, and the financial statement was most satisfactory.

A short report upon the work of the Society for State Registration was read, and some discussion followed as to the best methods of helping the movement forward. Four members promptly intimated their intention of joining the Society, as a first step towards propaganda we hope.

A very interesting synopsis for the Debating Society was passed, and included such subjects as "The Nursing of Neuritis," "What Standard of Training is Necessary for District Nurses?" and "Some Reflections upon Miss Nutting and Miss L. L. Dock's 'History of Nursing.'" (We hope to print the Synopsis in full later on.)

At the termination of the meeting, it resolved itself into the usual social gathering, which is such a pleasant feature of these afternoons. Full justice was done to a bountiful supply of good things, which included delicious sweeties made by some of the nurses, showing that they are not entire strangers to the culinary art; then Mrs. Waugh kindly gave some charming cello solos, Miss J. Waugh recited "The Burglar and the Baby," and Miss Burr, the Hon. Secretary, read an interesting account of the Paris Conference. Miss Blacklock sang several old ballads.

An Interesting Experiment.

An interesting experiment is being made in Florence by two fully trained nurses, Miss Marsh, and Miss N. G. Strangman, who are opening a Medical and Surgical Home at 8, Via Dante da Castiglione. In doing so, they have had every encouragement from the English doctors resident there. Miss Marsh holds the certificate of the London Hospital, and Miss Strangman has held the position of Sister at St. Thomas's Hospital. Both are certified midwives, so that they have excellent qualifications for the work which they have taken up.

The Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

The Meeting of the Executive Committee of the above Society was held at 20, Upper Wimpole Street, on Friday, the 11th inst., Miss Helen L. Pearse in the chair.

There were present: Miss Sidney Browne, R.R.C.; Miss M. Breay, Matrons' Council; Mrs. Shuter, St. Bartholomew's Nurses' League; Miss S. Cartwright, Registered Nurses' Society; Miss Barton, Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss J. A. Smith, Kingston Infirmary Nurses' League; Miss Mary Burr, St. John's House Nurses' League; Miss Marquardt, Matron, Camberwell Infirmary; and the Hon. Secretary.

Regrets for unavoidable absence were received from the President, Miss Isla Stewart, Miss E. S. Haldane, L.L.D., Miss Todd, Wandsworth Infirmary, Miss Forrest, Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League, Miss Jones, General Hospital Birmingham Nurses' League, and Miss Ross, Matrons' Council.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the Hon. Secretary's general and financial reports were adopted.

ORGANISATION.

It was reported that the question of organisation of the Nursing Profession through State Registration had been brought before the International Council of Nurses at the Paris Conference, and there was a consensus of opinion that until nurses had legal status no satisfactory organisation could be accomplished.

The Nurses in the United States of America were to be sincerely congratulated upon the progress made in 1907. In seven more States Bills for the State Registration of Nurses had become law, in the District of Columbia, the State in which the capital, Washington, was situated, in West Virginia, New Hampshire, Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois, and Georgia. In Illinois the nurses had shown remarkable tenacity of purpose and courage, as it was not until their Bill had been passed by the Legislature for a third time that the Governor, who on two previous occasions had been influenced to veto it, signed the Bill, a victory on which Illinois nurses were to be heartily congratulated.

During the year the Danish and Dutch Nurses' Associations had approached their respective Governments, asking for State Examination and Registration of Trained Nurses.

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