

### League News.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Chelsea Infirmary Nurses' League, the pleasant nurses' sitting room looked very bright and festive, and had, as usual, been prettily and effectively decorated by the Matron, Miss Barton, the Home Sister, and others. Amongst the visitors present were Miss Lloyd-Still, Matron of the Brompton Consumption Hospital, Miss Gadsden from Kensington, and members of the Nurses' Missionary League from neighbouring hospitals, as well as private nurses.

The addresses given by Miss Richardson, Secretary of the Nurses' Missionary League, and Miss Fox, of the Women's Hospital, Bangalore, were the feature of the evening. Miss Richardson described the foundation of the Nurses' Missionary League in 1903, on the lines of College Christian Unions, and said that the League includes both volunteer and associate members, and is inter-denominational, working alongside all Missionary Societies, and seeking to obtain recruits. It now numbers 750 members, 238 of these being volunteers for work as foreign missionaries.

Miss Richardson described the arrangements for the meeting of the nursing profession to be held during the Pan-Anglican Conference, and also drew attention to the Nurses' Summer Camp to be held at Mundesley-on-Sea from June 3rd to 10th. The purpose is to afford to fully trained nurses, or to those in course of full training, a holiday which will also be an opportunity for inspiration and help in the Christian life, and a time for discussing the work of the Nurses' Missionary League. Special arrangements have been made for return tickets to Mundesley from King's Cross, at 8s. 6d., and the entire cost of board and lodging for those sharing a room will be 16s., or for those who occupy a single room 25s. It is not too late even now to register, but application should be made at once to Miss J. Macfee, Maryon House, Frognal Lane, Hampstead, N.W.

Miss Fox, who was trained at the Middlesex Hospital) described the practical working of a Mission Hospital as illustrated by the C.E.Z.M.S. Gosha Hospital at Bangalore.

After briefly explaining the meaning of the word Gosha, Miss Fox spoke of the hospital and its arrangements. She said there were about 40 beds, but the hospital was very elastic, and there were often as many as 50 patients in at a time, besides the patients'

friends, who slept on the floor between the beds. The wards were divided according to caste and creed instead of disease as in England. After describing the wards, bedding, etc., Miss Fox gave a picture of "cleaning day" in hospital, and told the story of Anthony and her ways. She also gave a short sketch of the other members of the staff, describing how the caste girl brought round the diets, and how the ugly old sweeper Papa wished to be called Diana! She then spoke of the nurses and the constant supervision that was required in their training, describing some of their Indian ways, and dwelling on the need of practical lectures illustrating the point by the story of the poultice. In conclusion, she gave a short account of the religious training of the nurses, and spoke of this as the most important part of the Missionary Nurse's work. After the speeches tea and coffee were dispensed with the charming hospitality for which Miss Barton and the Chelsea League are so well known.

### Nurses at the Pan-Anglican.

The Special Meeting for Nurses, to be held on Tuesday, June 23rd, at 2.30, at the Church House, Westminster, in connection with the Pan-Anglican Congress, is one which nurses should make an effort to attend, and thus help to claim for their profession a share in the deliberations of this great Congress. The chair will be taken by the Right Rev. Bishop Montgomery, and the speakers will include the Right Rev. Dr. MacVickar, Bishop of Rhode Island, Dr. A. Hume Griffith, from Turkish Arabia, and Mrs. Douglas Hooper, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., from Jilore, East Africa. The body of the hall will be reserved free for nurses, and those in the provinces who desire information as to the special railway facilities offered, should write to Miss H. Y. Richardson (Hon. Secretary, Nurses' Sub-Committee, P.A.C.), Sloane Gardens House, 52, Lower Sloane Street, S.W. Amongst the Pan-Anglican Papers, Paper 7, "Women's Work for the Church and State" and Leaflet W, "The Church's Call to Women," and especially the Nurses' Leaflet will be read with interest by many. They are obtainable from Mrs. Montgomery, Bishopsbourne, Grove Park, Chiswick, W. It is hoped that nurses belonging to the Anglican Communion, whether they are able to attend the meeting or not, will read the special leaflet addressed to them and join, if they are able to do so, in the Thankoffering to be presented at St. Paul's Cathedral on June 24th.

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