

pleasure of spending several delightful days, and of seeing the good work done there, but under present conditions the best results seem likely to be attained by the fullest possible investigation. We could wish that Professor Littlejohn had the assistance of an experienced Matron in drawing up the report, which he will present to the Local Government Board.

Those who have read the deeply interesting story of the Augustinian Sisters who for the last twelve centuries have had charge of the nursing in the Hôtel-Dieu in Paris, as related by Miss Nutting and Miss Dock in their "History of Nursing," will read with sympathetic interest of the last event in this chapter of nursing history.

The Sisters are now to be replaced by paid nurses, and, on Wednesday in last week, M. Mesureur, Director of the *Assistance Publique*, addressing the Sisters, some forty-five in number, in the oratory, said, "Although I am compelled to expel the Sisters, I have nothing but praise for the way in which they have devoted themselves to our sick." Every nurse who attended the Nursing Conference in Paris last year will be sure that the necessary eviction was conducted with every consideration by the courteous Director.

Then the Sisters, many of them weeping, were conducted to the courtyard, where a crowd of some 4,000 or 5,000 people were assembled to wish them farewell, and where were four large omnibuses to take them away, but the patients whom they had cared for with devotion, if not with the knowledge that modern nursing demands, were determined to pay them one last mark of respect. The horses were unharnessed and both men and women took their places in the shafts, and dragged the omnibuses into the street. Here the police intervened, and the horses were reharnessed. So ended, with honourable recognition, the work of the Augustinian Sisters in the Hôtel Dieu at Paris.

### League News.

The Victoria and Bournemouth Nurses' League had quite a brilliant success for their second Social Meeting, as Dr. Holloway, Mus. Bac., and other well-known performers most kindly gave a concert for them at the Home, Wootton Lodge. The singing, violin solos, and recitations were very much appreciated. About forty members of the League were able to be present for part if not all of the time.

### The Fever Nurses' Association.

This Association has made a promising beginning as is shown by the representative character of the Provisional Committee. The Committee is constituted as follows:—Medical Superintendents: Dr. B. W. Broad, The Sanatorium, Cardiff; Dr. J. Brownlee, City Hospital, Belvidere, Glasgow; Dr. F. Foord Caiger, South-Western Hospital, M.A.B.; Dr. Corbin, London Fever Hospital; Dr. E. W. Goodall, Eastern Hospital, M.A.B.; Dr. J. W. Mullen, Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford; Dr. A. E. Pearson, City Hospitals, Leeds; Dr. T. Basil Rhodes, Baguley Sanatorium (City of Manchester); Dr. C. Rundle, City Hospital, Fazakerley, Liverpool; Dr. W. Stewart, Isolation Hospital, Willesden; Dr. F. Turner, South-Eastern Hospital, M.A.B.; Dr. Biernacki, Plaistow Hospital. Matrons: Miss E. M. Clarke, City Hospital, Fazakerley, Liverpool; Mrs. Doran, City Hospitals, Leeds; Miss E. Gregory, London Fever Hospital; Miss M. L. Hay, The Sanatorium, Cardiff; Miss F. Ambler Jones, South-Eastern Hospital, M.A.B.; Miss M. Jones, Gore Farm Hospital, M.A.B.; Miss M. M. Lloyd, North-Western Hospital, M.A.B.; Miss L. A. Morgan, Northern Hospital, M.A.B.; Miss A. Carson Rae, Fever Hospital, Dublin; Miss A. Thomas, Park Hospital, M.A.B.; Miss K. Thomas, Ladywell Sanatorium, Salford; Miss Drakard, Plaistow Hospital.

The first meeting was held on the 10th inst, when Dr. Goodall was elected Chairman of the Provisional Committee; Dr. Biernacki Secretary. The Chairman moved: "That an Association be formed in the interests of Nurses in Fever Hospitals." This was seconded by Dr. Corbin, and carried unanimously. The Secretary then gave a brief account of the movement thus brought to a practical issue, and Dr. Brownlee followed with a statement of the present conditions of Fever Nursing in Scotland.

Coming to the title of the Association, the Chairman said that suggestions had been made to form two bodies within the Association with a working link. He, however, was in favour of a single body, since they were all working for a single object—the good of the nurses. Dr. Pearson then moved: "That the Association consist of a single body, including medical men and nurses." Seconded by Dr. Turner, this was carried unanimously. Dr. Stewart next moved: "That the title of the body be 'The Fever Nurses' Association.'" This was seconded by Dr. Corbin, and carried unanimously.

The following Organising Sub-Committee were appointed: Miss Morgan, Miss Gregory, Miss Drakard, Dr. Caiger, Dr. Goodall, Dr. Pearson; Dr. Biernacki to act as Secretary. Some main points in the organisation and policy of the Association were then generally discussed in order to afford a basis for the work of the Organising Sub-Committee. The close familiarity of all present with the matters requiring handling led to their quick settlement, and the Committee finished its programme in two hours.

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