

tution, which was deferred to the next meeting.

The scrutineers announced the election of Miss Cox-Davies, Matron of the Royal Free Hospital, who had received 197 votes, as President, and after Miss Stewart had been thanked for her services, and the incoming President welcomed to office, the members adjourned to the Great Hall.

Here a pleasant ceremony took place in the presentation by Miss Cox-Davies, on behalf of the League, of a lovely bouquet of rose and pink carnations, tied up with rose-coloured ribbons, which Miss Stewart thus acknowledged:—"Thanks very much to all my dear nurses, past and present. I cannot say what you have all been to me, or how much I am obliged to you for this beautiful bouquet, which I really believe to be a mark of affection."

The Blue Austrian Band then struck up "She's a Jolly Good Fellow," in which all present heartily joined.

Yet another bouquet of pink carnations was presented by Miss A. Smith, Assistant-Matron at the Kingston Infirmary, on behalf of the Kingston Infirmary Nurses' League.

The League then enjoyed a charming reunion.

LEICESTER INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

On Thursday, June 25th, the members of the above League held their annual summer meeting at the Infirmary. This year is was an especially eventful one, for the President of the League, Miss Rogers, celebrated her 25th anniversary as Matron of the Leicester Infirmary. If any proof had been wanted of the affection, admiration, and respect that are felt for her by members of her nursing staff, both past and present, ample demonstration was given of it. Yet all was quietly and happily arranged, as one member said to the writer of this paper, when speaking of the possibility of some scheme being carried out: "You see it wants knowing and talking about, and we have never had any example for talking, *only* doing."

The business meeting of the League was at 3.15 p.m. There was a large gathering, some members from a distance coming. After that was concluded, the Vice-President, addressing the meeting, said that she felt like the little bear, who when learning to walk, asked his mother if he should put his right paw first, or the left, or both together, or would it be better to keep them still and move the back ones, and was told to stop talking and walk? The little cub's difficulty was having so many paws; her difficulty was, in having so much to say and

get through. She then presented Miss Rogers with a most lovely bouquet of carnations from the Matrons' Council, as a recognition of their appreciation of the great work Miss Rogers has achieved. Telegrams were also read by the Secretary, from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, President National Council of Nurses: "Convey cordial greetings and appreciation of splendid nursing career to Miss Rogers," and from Miss Stewart, President Matrons' Council: "The Matrons' Council sends sisterly greetings to Miss Rogers, Vice-President, and gratitude for her valuable work for the organisation of the nursing profession," besides a large number from absent League members, after which Nurse Potter, on behalf of the Associates of the League, asked Miss Rogers' acceptance of a handsome silver card case. Then Sister Alice, a Vice-President, in a few well-chosen admirable words, expressed exactly the feelings of the meeting, their love and gratitude for what Miss Rogers had been individually to them, besides the work she had done for Nursing and Nurses generally, and asked Miss Rogers to accept from those present representing themselves and all the far away members a gold chain.

Miss Rogers responded very prettily. It was all, as she said, a shock to her. Still she rose well to the occasion, and, amongst other things, said how the future of nursing was in the hands of the young members.

Then the meeting adjourned to the gardens, where, on Miss Rogers' invitation, a delightful gathering took place, members of the staff and other friends being invited. A band, which was a gem of its kind, tea, iced coffee, fruit, etc., glorious sunshine, all combined to make an ideal hour. Then the inevitable break to catch the London train; some few stayed to supper. A deep sense of rejoicing was given by the evident fact of the President's restoration to health, though to re-echo a wish expressed by one of the surgeons on the previous day at the prizegiving, that Miss Rogers might continue another twenty-five years as Superintendent of Nursing, would be too much to expect. Still, the members trust the League will have the benefit and happiness of her counsel and guidance for many anniversaries.

An evidence of the unity of the League was given by the very real gratification that was felt by all the members at the delicate recognition of Miss Rogers by the Matrons' Council and the National Council of Nurses. The flowers may fade, but the memory of the thought which caused them to be sent will ever remain in the records of the League.

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