

ing staff is looking forward with the keenest anticipation to entering upon the charm of collegiate life made possible to them in the future by the generous provisions in the New Home.

#### THE LEICESTER INFIRMARY.

Many friends came to spend a happy day at the Infirmary, and were entertained at a sumptuous luncheon by Miss Rogers.

The beautiful hospital, the new wing of which is so perfect, and of which everyone is naturally so proud, was open for inspection, and the sun gleaming in through numberless windows, failed to detect a speck of dust. Many patients were basking on sunny balconies, surrounded by every device for lessening suffering and giving back to them the priceless jewel of health. Justice cannot be done to Leicester Infirmary in a few words, so, for lack of space, we will not try. In St. John's Ward it was interesting to note an inscription in tiles over the fireplace:—

1893. ST. JOHN'S WARD. 1893

"This Ward was refurnished and decorated in grateful memory of Margaret Elizabeth Burt, Lady Superintendent of the Infirmary from 1875 to 1879. It was here that she began her valuable work of organising the system of nursing afterwards adopted throughout the infirmary."

It was in the latter year that Miss Burt went to Guy's, where her work and martyrdom may in a more generous age than ours receive the recognition it deserves!

#### THE NURSES' LEAGUE MEETING.

The business Autumn General Meeting of the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League took place after luncheon, and at 3.15 members adjourned to the Large Hall of the Out-Patient Department, where they were joined by many Matrons and nurses from the neighbourhood, who had been invited to hear Miss Amy Hughes speak on the Nursing Service of the Territorial Force. Amongst those present were Dr. Pope, in the chair, Dr. Pratt, Dr. and Mrs. Bond, Dr. and Mrs. Marriott, Dr. Douglas, Dr. Blakesley, Dr. Pemberton Peake, Lt.-Col. 2nd North Midland Field Ambulance, Miss Disney (Matron, Trained Nurses' Institute), Miss Wolsley Lewis (Lady Supt., Nurses' Institute, Stoke-on-Trent), Miss Knight (Matron, Nottingham General Hospital), Miss King (Matron, Peterborough Infirmary), Rev. J. T. Coward and Rev. A. James (Chaplains), Mr. Harry Johnson (House Governor and Secretary), the Infirmary Resident Staff, and many others.

#### THE NURSING SERVICE OF THE TERRITORIAL FORCE.

Miss Hughes gave a very able address, in which she explained that this new Nursing Ser-

vice has been formed for the purpose of maintaining a staff of nurses willing to serve in general hospitals in the event of the embodiment of the Territorial Force, and that rolls of Matrons, Sisters, and Nurses who are willing to serve their country in case of invasion are being compiled. The Queen has consented to be President of the Service, and has agreed that the members of the Nursing Service of the Territorial Force shall be permitted to wear a distinctive badge. Miss Hughes then sketched the suggested organisation, and also expressed the opinion that district nurses were specially well qualified for service in the new corps, as they had usually learnt the lesson of adaptability.

#### THE NURSES' REGISTRATION BILL.

The Leicester Nurses' League, having always kept well in the van of professional progress, are naturally deeply interested in the progress of the Bill now before Parliament, which they have helped to promote. Dr. Pope then called on Miss Wade, who proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Miss Pell Smith:—

"That this meeting desires emphatically to express its approval of the Registration of Nurses' Bill now before the House of Lords, being assured that only by such a measure can the necessary high standard of training for nurses be maintained, and the meeting therefore petitions the members of your Honourable House to forward the passage of the Bill through its remaining stages."

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick warmly supported the resolution. She congratulated the League on having done much to help to bring the registration movement to within measurable distance of success, and reported step by step the tremendous efforts made by the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses to interest Parliament in the Bill it had drafted. Thanks to the generous support of Lord Amptill, who presented their Bill in the House of Lords, and to Lords Crewe and Lansdowne, the respective leaders of the Liberal and Conservative parties in the House of Lords, and, indeed, to the courteous consideration with which the Bill had been discussed and amended in the Upper House, it was quite certain that legislation for the better organisation of the Nursing Profession was at hand.

Mrs. Fenwick drew the attention of the meeting to the most salient clauses in the Bill, and congratulated the profession at large that the Lords had accepted the principle that the nurses should be directly represented on the Governing Body, the Council of Registration, by seven registered nurses; these nurses to be elected by constituencies in England, Scotland, and Ireland. Owing to

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