

the more important when it was remembered that some of the children would be attended by medical students.

Mr. Cyril Jackson, Chairman of the Education Committee, refused to accept the amendment, saying that the hospitals would not stand it, and that the work of the clinical assistants would be supervised in the hospital by experts. The amendment was lost, and the recommendations of the Committee agreed to.

A quite informal meeting was held last week in the nurses' sitting room at Chelsea Infirmary by invitation of Miss Barton, the Matron, on the subject of the "Guild of Service." Miss James, a member of the Bethnal Green Board of Guardians, explained how the Guild had been inaugurated as a spiritual help to all officials working in Poor Law Institutions, and spoke with fervour of the benefit it had proved to many who had their work really at heart. She thought that officials in Poor Law Institutions take up the most difficult kind of work imaginable; they wait on tired people of the very lowest class, who, it is well known, are the most difficult to deal with. She explained that the Guild with its motto, "I am among you as Him that serveth" — though still in its infancy, numbers several hundred members. In some places branches of the Guild had been established, but in every place individual members could attend central services.

Mrs. Woodward, the devoted Hon. Sec., pointed out that the Guild has its social side, and that members are invited to pleasant social gatherings where there are refreshments and music and all are made welcome.

Anyone wishing to know more about the Guild, or to receive a card of membership, should apply to the Hon. Sec., Mrs. Woodward, 12, West Cromwell Road, S.W.

The annual reunion of the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League on Thursday, July 29th, was a most successful and joyous affair, well attended by many members of the League from far and near, and favoured by bright sunshine. The League had invited a number of the Congress delegates, and Miss Dock, from the United States, and Miss Peyton Jones and Miss Bertha Lawrence, members of the Royal Victorian Trained Nurses' Association, went down from London to attend the meeting, while letters of regret were read from a number who had had to scatter off to their own countries. The meeting was held in the beautiful large hall of the Out-Patient Department, and was opened by Miss Rogers, who gave a resumé of the Congress and its pro-

gramme, and who, after her remarks, received a vote of thanks for her untiring work for the League. Miss Dock then gave a talk on the aims of the International Council of Nurses and the progress of nursing in America, and Miss Peyton Jones followed with an interesting account of the growth of organisation in Australia.

No less than fifty-two past and present members of the Leicester Infirmary Nursing Staff visited the Nursing Exhibition at the Caxton Hall during the four days of the International Congress of Nurses, so the gratifying news that the Section organised by the League had gained a prize met with hearty applause.

A garden party after the meeting, with music delightfully rendered by the orchestra of the Boys' Reform School was a gay and pretty scene, the clear, fresh uniforms of the nurses of the infirmary setting off the white-covered tables placed about on the grass. Many members of the Committee of the hospital, with their wives and a number of the physicians were present at the garden-party. The new home in process of completion was visited. The architectural plan is remarkably attractive, and it is going to be a most beautiful and commodious Nurses' Home, with single bedrooms throughout.

The visitors had previously been taken through the wards of the infirmary, which they admired heartily for the airy, cheerful, and homelike impression made, as well as for the exquisitely kept and workmanlike equipment everywhere.

A most enjoyable trip was then taken to see some of the historic monuments for which Leicester is famous, and the visitors were enthusiastic over the Roman pavement, the old Roman wall, the beautiful and interesting churches, and Guild Room, which were most interestingly explained by Mr. S. Pick, architect to the Leicester Town Council, and of the Nurses' Home and new block of the Infirmary, whose expert knowledge made him a guide of special authority, and enabled him to explain in a very fascinating way the characteristic features of the ancient relics.

The League bestowed a beautiful Roman vase, dug from the soil near Leicester, on Miss Dock, and also bestowed honorary vice-presidentship upon her.

A visit to the cosy Home Hospital finished a day of special enjoyment. The visitors returned to London by the late train.

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