

already in existence, or to render them more efficient, will always have my warmest support. I am sure those charitable men and women who have liberally contributed to your hospital in the past will themselves continue their support, and will by their efforts stimulate others to assist this noble work of charity. The encouragement which you give to your nurses to join the nursing service of the Territorial Force meets with my most cordial approval. In matters of life and death the services of the trained nurse are no less essential than those of the physician or surgeon. I pray that the blessing of God may attend your labours.

With a silver trowel the King then spread the mortar, and the stone having been lowered into position, he declared it well and truly laid. His Majesty was later escorted to the hospital entrance from which he drove away.

The gracious allusion of the King to the value of the services of trained nurses to the community caused lively satisfaction to the Lady Superintendent and the Nursing Staff, and will be warmly appreciated by the nursing profession at large. The King has on several previous occasions honoured the nursing profession by publicly expressing his high opinion of its work. Let its members one and all unite to continue to deserve his royal commendation.

The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland.

Our report of the meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, held at 431, Oxford Street, W., on October 22nd, and also of the Presentation made to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick by Miss Isla Stewart on behalf of the International Congress of Nurses on the same date, are unavoidably held over for lack of space. A report of these proceedings will appear next week.

In the meantime members of the Matrons' Council will be interested to know that Miss Mollett was appointed Hon. Secretary, to succeed Miss M. Breay, who has resigned the position with very great regret owing to her increasing work as sub-editor of this Journal, for the State Registration Society, and as Treasurer of the International Council of Nurses.

WELCOME HELP.

We gratefully acknowledge a donation of £1 1s. to the funds of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, from the League of St. John's House Nurses. Also £1 1s. from Ella, Lady Simeon.

League News.

THE SCHOOL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The School Nurses' League held a meeting on the 19th October, at 431, Oxford Street, W., which was very well attended, upwards of 50 members being present. The President, Miss H. L. Pearse, took the chair, and after the business of the League was concluded, Miss Pearse read the paper which Lady Helen Munro Ferguson read before the International Congress of Nursing, on "The Nurse as Citizen." The paper was listened to with much interest, and Miss Pearse said she was happy to bring such an inspiring address before the League, for she was anxious that all school nurses should realise their great opportunity for social service. She feared that in the rush of real hard work and oftentimes disagreeable duties involved in this particular branch of nursing, the nurses might lose sight of the larger aspect of the good work they are doing among the children and their parents. Surely, if the need for the nurse in the schools had been recognised 20 or 30 years ago, it would be impossible to find such poor little specimens of humanity and such ignorant young mothers as we are now dealing with. Miss Pearse urged her hearers to go forward with courage, ignoring the difficulties and looking forward to the better time coming, when the neglected child will be difficult to find.

Four new nurses were elected members of the League, and several intimated their desire to join.

The Secretary will be pleased to supply information as to membership to any nurses engaged as Health Visitors or School Nurses, who are working outside the County of London.

L. M. GRIFFIN.
Hon. Secretary.

THE LEAGUE OF ST. JOHN'S HOUSE NURSES.

A General Meeting of the League of St. John's House Nurses was held on October 23rd. A very long agenda was most successfully dealt with, one of the most agreeable items being—"That a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick for her work for the Nursing Profession, through the organisation of the International Council of Nurses, and to congratulate her on the great success of the recent International Congress and Exhibition." Much satisfaction was expressed that our Maternity exhibit obtained the third prize at the International Exhibition, and it was unanimously decided to expend it on an antependium for use in St. John's House Chapel.

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Hon. Secretary.

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