

## Welcome to Miss Haughton.

Many members of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, and their invited guests, assembled in the Nurses' sitting room at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., on Tuesday, at the Reception to welcome Miss L. V. Haughton, one of its members, on her return to the London nursing world, as Matron of Guy's Hospital. The guests were received by the President, Miss Isla Stewart, and the Vice-Presidents present were Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss M. Huxley (Dublin), and Miss G. A. Rogers (Leicester). Amongst those who responded to the invitation to be present were Miss Heather-Bigg (Charing Cross Hospital), Miss Cox-Davies (Royal Free Hospital), Miss Davies (St. Mary's Hospital), Miss Keer (Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S.), Miss Becher (Principal Matron, Q.A.I.M.N.S.), Miss H. L. Pearse (Superintendent, L.C.C. School Nurses), Miss Nevile (West London Hospital), Miss Tice (Samaritan Free Hospital), Miss Richardson (London Temperance Hospital), Miss Hall (Seamen's Hospital), Miss Hoadley (London Homœopathic Hospital), Miss Pinsent (Royal National Orthopædic Hospital), Miss Worthington (Infants' Hospital), Miss Sherratt (Cancer Hospital), Miss Davidson (Gravesend Hospital), Miss Traill (Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford), Miss Chaff (Truro), and many others.

In welcoming Miss Haughton in the name of the Council, Miss Stewart said that there was probably no moment so gratifying in the life of a nurse as that when she was called back to her own training school to fill the position of Matron. Miss Haughton had been a distinguished member of the nursing staff of Guy's Hospital, and during the time she had held the important position of Matron of Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital, Dublin, she had shared the professional life of Irish nurses, and was a prominent member of the Irish Matrons' and Irish Nurses' Associations. When Irish nurses were so unexpectedly excluded from participation in the benefits of the Nurses' Registration Bill in the House of Lords last year, Miss Haughton was a member of the Committee which successfully claimed their right to be re-instated. She was keenly interested in the progress of nursing, and knew that nothing could be done without organisation and association. It was a great pleasure to welcome, in the name of the Matrons' Council, on her return to London, to so important a post, a member of such wide sympathies, "correct" views, and charming personality as Miss Haughton. In doing so, very sincerely, Miss Stewart pre-

sented to Miss Haughton a shower bouquet of lovely pink roses, tied with pink ribbon.

Miss Haughton briefly expressed her thanks to Miss Stewart, and the Council, for their welcome, and for the lovely flowers which she had just received. She said it was a great joy to be back in London again, and her joy was increased because, as an Irishwoman, she regarded her appointment to the Matronship of Guy's Hospital as an honour not only to herself but to Ireland.

This pleasant ceremony over, tea was served by many willing hands, the Sisters and nurses of Bart's paying hospitable attention to their colleagues from Guy's, and many old friends and new acquaintances had the pleasure of speaking to Miss Haughton.

It was a friendly and informal gathering which everyone present appeared to enjoy. Happy social meetings are certainly a wonderful aid to good fellowship and mutual understanding and appreciation.

During the afternoon the London Concert Trio played charmingly.

## The £100 Registration Fund.

We beg to thank those nurses who have already sent for Collecting Cards, but hope many more will do so. With much gratitude we beg to thank the following kind subscribers:—

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Miss Isla Stewart ... ..	5	0	0
Mrs. Walter Spencer ... ..	2	2	0
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Mrs. Andrews ... ..	2	2	0
Mrs. Mackenzie Davidson ... ..	1	1	0
Miss C. Forrest ... ..	1	0	0
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A very nice little beginning. Leaving £86 13s. to collect. Shillings will be quite as much appreciated as pounds, from those who can only afford small sums.

## Our Prize Competitions for January, 1910.

1st January.—Puzzles Competition, £1 1s.

15th January.—Practical Point, not to exceed 200 words, 5s.

22nd January.—"The Neatest Nurse" photographs. The photograph which gains the prize will be reproduced, 10s.

29th January.—Article on a Practical Nursing Subject, 1,500 words; illustrations admissible, £1 10s.

Rules for the Competitions will appear in our issue of January 1st, 1910.

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