

capped by many difficulties, the Board has not so far, in nursing matters, reached the standard which is common to most large fever hospitals belonging to other authorities. If the proposals take effect, this standard will be recognised and, owing to the important position of the Metropolitan hospitals, the whole fever nursing service question is bound to be affected; there will be an improvement in status in every grade of the service.

Tuesday, February 8th, will be a red letter day for the nurses of the Leicester Infirmary, for their new Home, so long and eagerly looked forward to, is to be opened by Mrs. Fielding Johnson. The Chairman, Sir Edward Wood, and the Board of Governors, have issued invitations to many friends of the institution to be present at the opening ceremony, which will take place at three o'clock, and no doubt there will be a ready response, for no hospital in the Provinces is held in higher estimation than the Leicester Infirmary, and no Matron is more beloved by her nurses, past and present, than Miss Rogers, to whom they owe so much.

The £100 Registration Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Carried forward	23	13	0
Miss Sidney Browne	1	1	0
Miss McVitie (teacloth)	1	1	0
Miss Dora Hinton	1	0	0
Per Miss Treasure, R.N.S.	10	0	
Miss J. Hurlston	5	0	
Miss E. Wortabet	5	0	
Miss E. M. Waind	2	6	
Miss E. E. Alderman	2	6	
Miss E. M. Sixsmith	2	6	
Miss G. J. Challis	1	0	
	£28	3	6

COLLECTING CARDS.

Name of Collector:	£	s.	d.
Miss M. Breay	5	0	0
Part Profits of Gordon Calendar ...	3	0	0
Anon.	1	0	0
Mrs. R. S. Bartleet	10	0	
Mrs. Breay	5	0	
T. W. Craig, Esq.	5	0	
Mrs. T. W. Craig	5	0	
	£10	0	0
Total	£38	3	6

Miss M. N. Cureton, of Bournemouth, has given £1 1s. for the teacloth so kindly worked by Miss McVitie.

New York File Complete.

Owing to the kindness of Miss E. S. Sills, of Oakham, who will provide Vol. III. of the *Nursing Record*, the file of 43 volumes of this Journal required by Miss Nutting for Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City, is now complete.

The Nurses' Total Abstinence League.

NURSES AND TEMPERANCE.

On Thursday, 27th January, a meeting was held in the Edgbaston Assembly Rooms in connection with the Birmingham Branch of the Nurses' National Total Abstinence League. Mrs. Walter Priestman, the President, explained the objects of the League, and Dr. J. Furneaux Jordan, who presided, referred with satisfaction to the reduction of drunkenness throughout the country, and to the change in the practice of medicine as witnessed by the fact that the hospital bills for alcoholic drink and milk had been reversed in recent years.

Sir Victor Horsley, after expressing his pleasure at meeting such a large company of nurses, said they must get rid of the idea that alcohol was necessary either in health or disease. He hoped there would soon be a national registration of nurses; it would give them power as a profession. When women had the vote, as they would have some time, they would be able to help in making laws for the suppression of intemperance and its attendant evils. The nurses must, of course, implicitly obey the medical adviser, but they might exercise a great influence in the homes of the patients by their example and practice. He spoke of the great change in medical opinion with regard to alcohol. Before anaesthetics were discovered alcohol was very freely administered preceding an operation, partly under the mistaken idea that it would increase the patient's strength, and partly as a merciful narcotic to deaden pain. At the present time in such cases it was rarely given even in small doses. The medical profession had better drugs at its disposal, and a better knowledge of the physical action of alcohol. This was shown in the present treatment of cases of fever and pneumonia, when alcohol was rarely used. Nurses must obtain registration, when they would be united, and be able to exert a strong national influence for good.

Miss Musson, Matron of the General Hospital, proposed a vote of thanks; in which she conveyed to Sir V. Horsley the gratitude of the nurses of England for the way in which he supported their efforts to obtain State registration.

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