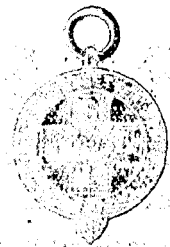


## League News.

### THE SCHOOL NURSES' LEAGUE.



Anyone passing along the Victoria Embankment on Tuesday in last week, about 5 o'clock, may have noticed, as one lady was heard to observe, "a lot of nurses" about, for the School Nurses' League was holding its second annual meeting. As the League has grown in numbers rather quickly it has been regretfully obliged to give up its former headquarters at 431, Oxford Street, W., where the Board Room could no longer accommodate it. The President, Miss Pearse, had, however, obtained permission for the meetings to be held in future in the Library at the Education Office of the London County Council, and here over 60 nurses met. First, of course, came tea and talk, afterwards the meeting.

The Secretary of the School Nurses' League Benevolent Fund, Miss Layton, had a very satisfactory report to present. The Benevolent Fund is one year old, has 44 members, and, owing to the energy of its Committee, has a balance in hand of £34. The Hon. Treasurer of the League showed that it also has a balance in hand.

Miss Griffin, the Secretary of the League, then presented her report. The year had, she said, been rather a busy one. After the Benevolent Fund was founded the members tried to help forward State Registration for Nurses by obtaining signatures from people in favour of the measure, and by asking their Members of Parliament to support their Bill. By these means several more Members of Parliament were interested in this important matter. Then, in July, came the International Congress of Nurses, in the course of which part of a session was devoted to "School Nursing" in its various branches. The League also had a School Nursing Exhibit, which attracted a good many visitors. The next business was to elect three new members of the Executive in place of Miss Layton, Miss Parfitt, and Mrs. Copelin (*née* Howard) who retired. Miss Castleman, Miss Hughes, and Miss Makepeace were elected.

Miss Phillips moved the following resolution, which was adopted:—

"That School Nurses and Health Visitors who are trained nurses working outside London be allowed to join the School Nurses' League by payment of 1s. entrance fee and 1s. yearly; and that Health Visitors and Sanitary Inspectors who are not trained nurses be allowed to join the League as Associates on payment of the usual entrance fee and yearly subscription."

It was proposed to organise a whist drive, any profit made therefrom to go to the Benevolent Fund. The 23rd of April was the date fixed upon for this purpose, and Miss Pearse, Miss Parkman, Miss Barton, Miss Layton, Miss Griffin, and Miss L. Rangelcroft each promised a prize.

Miss Pearse asked the nurses if they would each give a penny to buy cocoa and biscuits for the very poor children who come to the three cleansing stations, and whom the nurses in charge feel they must feed before they send the oftentimes very ill clad little ones out into the cold after their warm baths. An instant response was made, and each of the three nurses went off with a little money to spend on their bairns.

Five nurses joined the League and five the Benevolent Fund.

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## Sensational Diseases.

Is it right to use those suffering from unusual diseases for advertisement purposes, or to discuss such suffering in the public press? That is a question we asked years ago, when day by day the doings of the "Elephant Man," who resided at the London Hospital, to which institution the curious flocked to see this poor afflicted creature, were constantly referred to in the daily press. "He quite enjoys it," the Sister informed us. "Human vanity has many phases, and besides it keeps the hospital's work before the public."

Last week we had, under the description of "The Brittle Man," notoriety given to a case of myositis ossificans at the London Hospital, and this week we are informed that "The Marble Man" is puzzling the doctors at the Birmingham Hospital for Skin Diseases. The latter patient followed the trade of a needlepointer. Four years ago he had a severe attack of pneumonia, which incapacitated him for six months. Shortly after the illness the skin became marble white, and cold as marble, and so tight that the patient is unable to bend his joints, and can only open his mouth with difficulty.

The condition is thought to be due to an obstruction in the arteries, veins, or lymph vessels, dependent upon some disturbance in the vaso-motor nervous centre. At present the patient is being treated with a view to improving his nutrition and increasing the blood circulation, and it is proposed to later on subject him to treatment at the new Birmingham Electric Radium Institute, which, it is hoped, will relieve his condition and suffering.

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