

permit the members to have out a professional book as well as a story book at the same time. The Musical Society gave an excellent concert in December, and would shortly give another. The Debating Society was not flourishing. The Post Graduate Lectures had been greatly appreciated, not only by members of the League, but by nurses trained elsewhere.

The Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Fagge, was unable to be present, but Miss Haughton announced the League accounts to be in a much more flourishing condition than in the previous year.

THE CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

Miss Rogers, who on rising to speak, was warmly applauded, said she considered it a great honour to be asked to take the chair at a meeting of the Guy's League. They might wonder why she, a country cousin, had been invited to occupy the chair, but she had once been Sister Clinical at Guy's, though some of those present were probably in their cradles at the time. Then it was largely to the inspiration of Guy's that the Leicester League owed its origin, and another tie was that it was to Guy's the Leicester Infirmary owed its first Matron, Miss Burt. When Miss Burt went to Leicester nursing was non-existent. There were two night nurses for 200 patients, and their instructions were not to stay in any ward but to walk through them all at intervals. She had been told by a former house surgeon that the house staff used to tie the feet of the night nurses to the chairs in which they were ensconced, to bring home to them that they had visited the wards. At that time the fractured legs were lifted out of bed. Miss Burt was not there long, but she left Leicester with a well-organised school when she returned to Guy's.

"Miss Burt," said Miss Rogers, "was a reformer. She was not popular—reformers who get people out of their arm-chairs rarely are; but she fought a good fight, and won the victory for you. I think if she could come back now she would find the victory worth while, and would not grudge the time and labour she spent in organising the Training School. I am only sorry she cannot see the fruit of her work."

Miss Rogers told an amusing story illustrating the need for discretion as well as sympathy. There was once, she said, a tender-hearted elephant walking through a jungle who accidentally put her foot upon a partridge, mother of a brood of young ones, and because she was a very tender-hearted elephant she was very sad, but saying, "I'm a mother myself," she promptly sat down on the young partridges.

Turning to the formation of Leagues, and the part they had played in organisation, Miss Rogers said that when the third volume of the

History of Nursing was written, she hoped it would contain a tribute—no doubt it would—to the late Miss Isla Stewart, who did so much for Leagues in this country. She emphasised their value in helping their members to look out into the wider world and see what others were doing, and to take an interest in what was going on around them. She also quoted some of Lady Helen Munro Ferguson's address on "The Nurse as Citizen" to the International Congress of Nurses. Miss Rogers said that as one heard of fresh fields for nurses on all sides it was difficult not to feel a little jealous of the nurses of to-morrow, who would see the building, whose foundations had been laid with so much care, rising up. She concluded by wishing the Matron, Sisters, and Nurses at Guy's a happy and honourable career.

The result of the ballot for the election of Sisters' and Nurses' Representatives on the Council for the ensuing year was then announced by Miss Smith as follows:—

Library: Sister Cornelius, Nurse Cox. *Orchestra:* Sister Surgery, Nurse Rees. *Hockey Club:* Sister Florence, Nurse Dowley. *Tennis Club:* Sister Theresa, Nurse Hodgkinson. *Choral Society:* Sister Ruth, Nurse Hinds. *Photographic Society:* Sister Jentia, Nurse Allen. *Swimming Club:* Sister Ellen, Nurse Schlagentweit. *Cycling Club:* Sister Addison, Nurse Marriott. *Debating Society:* Sister Lydia, Nurse Macmanus.

The appointments of nine Associate members of the Council were confirmed, and on the proposition of Miss Haughton, seconded by Sister Lillian, a cordial vote of thanks to the President, Mrs. Bonsor, and these Associate members of Council was carried.

Everyone, Miss Haughton said, knew how genial and delightful their President was.

Votes of thanks were also accorded to the Hon. Treasurer, and to Miss Smith. The latter, in replying, said that the League was now over 1,000 strong.

A hearty vote of thanks to Miss Rogers, for making a special journey from Leicester to preside at the meeting, was carried by acclamation, and Miss Rogers said that if the League would charter a special train she would be pleased to see all the members at Leicester.

The business concluded, Miss Smith showed an interesting series of lantern slides, a number being made from photographs taken by members of the League. Many of the pictures were loudly applauded. In another room the work done by the Photographic Circle of the League was on view, and the members are warmly to be congratulated on the result.

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