

League News.

THE SCHOOL NURSES' LEAGUE.



The fourth meeting of the above League was held on Wednesday, 2nd November, 1910, in the Library, L.C.C. Offices, Victoria Embankment; it was held earlier in the year than usual, the date being previously fixed for 29th November; but as two of the members were leaving it was arranged for the 2nd to enable them to be present. After a very welcome tea, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the early comers, the President, Miss Pearse, addressed the members, calling attention to the special importance which the evening had, in that Miss Griffin, who had been Secretary since the formation of the League in 1908, was leaving to take up new work in Kent, but as she would not be very far off we should all hope to see her amongst us again. The other member we were losing, Miss Parfitt, was going to be married, and then leaving for Australia, so that we could not hope to have occasional visits from her; however, everyone wished them both very good luck.

Miss Griffin, as Hon. Secretary, then read the minutes of the last general meeting, and these were unanimously passed and signed by the President.

The voting sheet was then passed round for the election of the new Secretary, each nurse affixing a cross to one of the four names of the chosen candidates. When the count was told, it was found that Miss Downing had successfully carried the poll, and amidst hand-clapping she took the secretarial chair, and began her new duties.

The President then proposed that, as there was also a vacancy for a delegate on the National Council of Trained Nurses, Miss Downing should also be asked to fill this position, as there was much to be done for the next International Congress of Nurses to be held in Cologne in 1912, which could only be done by the Secretary. This was also unanimously carried, and in a few well chosen words, Miss Downing accepted the post also. The business

being concluded, Miss Pearse said she had come to a very pleasant part of the proceedings, and had much pleasure on behalf of many members of the League in making two presentations: Firstly, of a leather case containing a gold watch, inscribed with the initials "L. M. G." outside, and "Presented by the S.N.L., 2nd November, 1910," inside, to Miss Griffin; secondly, of a silver-mounted leather bag with fittings to Miss Parfitt.

The gifts gave, we hope, much pleasure to the recipients, who, in turn, each spoke a few words of thanks, to those assembled.

The members dispersed after having spent a very enjoyable evening.

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MISS LAURA BAKER,
President-Elect, League of St. John's
House Nurses.

LEAGUE OF ST. JOHN'S HOUSE NURSES.

Miss Laura Baker, who has been elected President of the League of St. John's House Nurses, was trained and certificated by St. John's House, and gained her practical experience at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, the North-Eastern Fever Hospital (M.A.B.), and University College Hospital. In 1898 she joined the Nurses' Co-operation, 8, New Cavendish Street, in connection with which, until 1903, she had a wide experience of private nursing, and during the South African War nursed in the Refugee Camps. Since 1903 she has been Home Sister at the Howard de Walden Nurses' Home, Langham Street, W., the Residential Home

of the nurses of the Co-operation, an office which she has discharged with conspicuous ability both on the financial side, and with regard to the comfort of the nurses.

Miss Baker is interested in the movement for State Registration of Trained Nurses, and is a member of the Society formed to obtain it. It is, indeed, essential that members of the St. John's House League should be registrationists, as one of the objects of the League is to promote such Registration. We congratulate the new President on her election, and wish her all success. She will assume office when the present President, Sister Charlotte, C.S.P., leaves St. John's House. Sister Charlotte founded the League, and has taken the keenest interest in its welfare from its foundation to the present time.

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