

The Nurses' Choral and Social League, which, founded last October, has now some 300 members, men and women, and is conducted by Dr. W. H. Hickox, is ready to send teachers to any part of London where a choir of thirty nurses can be formed and a suitable room secured. On Friday, March 24th, the League gave an excellent concert at the Kensington Town Hall, in which some 150 members took part, and the high standard characterising their performance won for them well merited congratulations.

The 27th annual meeting of the South London District Nursing Association was held at St. Mark's Vicarage, Spencer Park, on Saturday, by kind permission of the Rev. J. and Mrs. Glossop. There was a very large attendance in spite of bad weather.

The speakers were Canon J. Erskine Clarke, Chairman, and W. H. Dickinson, Esq., M.P., Secretary of the Association, supported by the Rev. Prebendary Dalton, J. A. Dawes, Esq., M.P., Rev. J. F. G. Glossop, and Major-Gen. Cumberland. The report was read, and the members of the Council and Committee re-elected. Prebendary Dalton laid stress on the excellent work done by the nurses, and said that he never heard anything but good of them from all quarters—clergy, doctors, sanitary authorities, Guardians, and workers from the innumerable charitable agencies of the district, with all of which the Association worked in close touch. It was also stated that the headmistress of a neighbouring board school had died during the year, and had left the Association a legacy of nearly £400, bearing testimony to the value placed on the work by the London County Council schools. It was announced that the attendance in the out-patient department had exceeded 7,000 during the year. This department was added to the Home some years ago, and has been doing steady work with a view to lightening the various districts. It is by this means that the nurses are enabled to cope with the immense number of cases sent in. The visits last year amounted to 51,482, and the number of cases attended to 2,722. It is possible that this home may be chosen as the future centre of one of the London County Council clinics. The Committee have signified their willingness to forward the scheme conditionally, and Miss Bullock has promised her support with all her usual sympathy and enterprise. After the meeting Mrs. Glossop entertained a large party to tea at the Vicarage.

The Association is to be congratulated on the excellent record of work to its credit.

Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund.

On Tuesday last, Princess Christian received purses from a number of children in aid of the Disabled Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund, at 47, Brook Street, W., where a beautiful Hall was placed at the service of the Committee by Mr. and Mrs. Bland Sutton. The Princess, who was received on arrival by Mr. and Mrs. Bland Sutton, Rev. Hugh Chapman, Mr. Montague Price (Chairman), and Dr. Ogier Ward (Hon. Secretary), was presented with a lovely bouquet of pink carnations and lilies of the valley by Miss Daphne Price, the little daughter of the Chairman. Mr. Chapman explained that the object of the meeting was to help to raise £1,000 to found an annuity as a memorial to the late King.

The children, many of whom were quite tiny, some wee twins being specially noticeable, then presented their purses, the amount realised being £143 9s. 9d. A clever conjuror followed, and tea was served after a hearty vote of thanks to the hostess, proposed by Dr. Ogier Ward.

The Irish Nurses' Association.

There was a great gathering on Friday, 24th ult., when the Nurses' Hostel Company were "At Home" to their friends at 34, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, from 4 to 7 o'clock. After tea, the guests were conducted to the Drawing Rooms where they enjoyed a most attractive programme of music. The house was thrown open for inspection, and very gay it looked, with its freshly painted rooms decorated with quantities of flowers and greenery. The nurses were pleased to welcome many members of the medical profession, and were proud of the praises bestowed on their beautiful new "Home," and the good wishes tendered for its future success. They feel now that the Nurses' Hostel has been fairly launched, and hope that the true spirit of co-operation will make it one of the best institutions in the kingdom.

Ladies Linen Leagues.

Ladies Linen Leagues are now becoming a valuable asset to hospitals from the financial standpoint, a striking example of which may be seen in that founded in connection with the General Hospital, Northampton, last year, the success of which has exceeded all expectations. The Matron, Miss Bryan, received 1,781 articles, valued at £167, and £122 in subscriptions, which was expended on blankets and linen. The Lady Adelaide Dawnay, who presided at the recent annual meeting, said that she took an exceedingly deep interest in the League, and would do everything she could to promote its success. Miss S. M. Robinson, the Hon. Secretary, presented an interesting report, and the value of the gift of the League to the hospital is to be found in the fact that the articles subsequently exhibited included 47 quilts, 50 cot quilts, 73½ pairs of linen sheets, 111 draw sheets, and 56 pairs of blankets, besides many smaller articles.

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