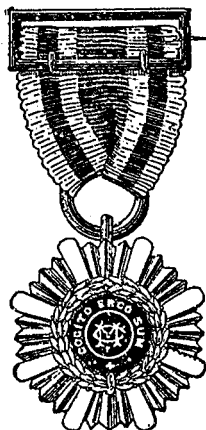


The Matrons' Council.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.



By the courtesy of the Governors of the Leicester Infirmary, and on the invitation of the President and members of the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League, a meeting of the Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland was held in the Lecture Room of the Nurses' Home, Leicester Infirmary, on Thursday, April 27th, at 3 p.m.

Miss Rogers was in the chair. There was a good attendance of members. Letters and telegrams of regret were received from Miss Heather-Bigg, President, and some twenty members.

The following new members were elected:—

Miss M. Atkey, Matron, County Hospital, Newport, Monmouthshire.

Miss C. Haldane, Lady Superintendent, Nursing Home, Southampton.

Miss E. Jasper, Matron, The Hospital, Oswestry, Shropshire.

Miss A. Robson, Matron, Walthamstow, Leyton, and Wanstead General Hospital, Walthamstow.

The method of procedure to be observed in carrying out the terms of By-law 8, Sec. b, was then discussed, and Miss Musson gave notice that at the next meeting she would move the insertion of the words "in rotation" after "annually."

The question of the venue of the next meeting was then debated, and it was decided to meet at some centre where the Matron was a member of the Council. The Secretary was instructed to write to Miss Carpenter-Turner, of Winchester, and ask whether she could arrange for the July meeting to be held there.

The decision of the Matrons' Council to hold the April and July meetings out of London is evidently a popular one. Miss Pote Hunt wrote from Rochester expressing the hope that the Council would arrange that one of its visits to country hospitals should be to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, and an invitation was also received from Miss Behnke, asking the Council to visit Broadlands, near Medhurst, where a "Nature Cure" is carried out under specially favourable conditions. Miss Knight (Nottingham) and Miss

Macintyre (Wigan), who were present, also gave cordial invitations to the Council to visit those towns. It was decided that as the Council had twice recently met in the Midlands it would be desirable to hold the next meeting in the South of England. It was also decided to arrange for a visit to Broadlands on an occasion apart from the business meeting.

Miss Musson then moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and Miss Mollett for the part they had taken in organising and writing the Nursing Pageant. This was carried by acclamation.

A very cordial vote of thanks to the Governors of the Leicester Infirmary was then passed, and the business meeting terminated.

THE NURSES' HOME.

The members of the Council and the invited guests of the Leicester Infirmary League then inspected the beautiful new Nurses' Home, the arrangements, spaciousness, and furniture (mostly made on the premises) receiving warm admiration. In connection with the opaque glass in the lower part of the windows of the nurses' bedrooms, Miss Rogers told an amusing story. In one of the houses of a row of cottages running parallel with the Home a child was crying lustily, and its mother was heard to admonish it thus: "Now, you be a good girl and stop crying, and you shall go upstairs and see the nurses dress." After that it was considered desirable to prevent a repetition of the treat.

The members of the Council and the guests were then entertained to a sumptuous tea in the well appointed nurses' dining-room, prominent at one end being the beautiful banner of the League. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed all the excellent things provided by their hosts. It was, in fact, difficult to tear oneself away to join in the more serious intellectual banquet that followed in the lecture room.

Amongst those who accepted the hospitality of the Leicester Infirmary Nurses' League were Mrs. Spencer and Miss Mollett, officers of the Matrons' Council, Miss Knight (Nottingham), Mrs. Klosz, the Hon. Albinia Brodrick, Miss Elma Smith, Miss Brea, Miss Cutler, Miss Macvitie (London), Miss Lord (Banstead), Miss Winmill (Carshalton), Miss Musson, and Miss Buckingham (Birmingham), Miss Macintyre (Wigan), Miss Jolley (Liverpool), Miss Nicholson (Pendlebury), Miss Macfarlane (Kidderminster), Miss Spittal (Loughborough), Miss Barter (Coyentry), Miss L. Osborne (Rugby), Miss A. Strong (Loughborough), Miss M. Braye (Mount Sorrell), Miss T. Glenn (Oakham), Miss C. Shields (Melton Mowbray), and the following

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