

## THE SCHOOL NURSES' LEAGUE.



A meeting of the League was held on Friday, November 24th, at the Education Offices, The Embankment, E.C. The chair was taken by the President, Miss H. L. Pearse. It had been announced that Miss S. Laurence, L.C.C., would give an address, but to the great disappointment of all she was unable to attend.

At a previous meeting Dr. Kerr, Medical Officer (Education), when addressing the nurses, said he would arrange some lectures for them to be given by the School Medical Staff.

The lectures, which are being given at the Day Training College, Southampton Row, are as follows:—

Nov. 29th.—“Physical Conditions Affecting Health in Schools,” F. N. Kay Menzies, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Edin.), D.P.H.

Dec. 6th.—“Physical Measurements and the Recording of Statistics,” F. C. Shruballs, M.A., M.D. (Cantab.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Dec. 13th.—“Duties and Legal Position of the School Nurse Under the Education and Other Acts,” A. W. Sikes, M.D., D.Sc. (Lond.), F.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Dec. 20th.—“Infectious Diseases of the School Child,” J. A. H. Brincker, B.A., M.B., B.C. (Cantab.), M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

The first lecture, given by Dr. Menzies on November 29th, was largely attended.

Dr. Menzies particularly emphasized the importance of school nurses taking a wide interest in their work, otherwise there was a danger of its becoming monotonous, and consequently not of the highest standard. His subject embraced all the different things which constitute suitable and unsuitable schools. The soil, drainage, situation, environment, lighting, heating, ventilation, playgrounds, water supply, cloakrooms, lavatories, and water-closets.

Each subject was dealt with in turn, and the old and up-to-date methods given.

Dr. Menzies was not in favour of the metal drinking cup, and mentioned the method employed at a school in Whitechapel of a perforated pipe, which when supply was turned on emitted jets of water from which the children drank. Another thing which he advocated was a larger space between pegs in cloakrooms with wire screens between the pegs, a reform which he considered would greatly lessen the risk of infection spreading.

At the close of the lectures some lantern slides were shown illustrating the different types of school buildings.

Miss Pearse thanked Dr. Menzies on behalf of the nurses for his interesting lecture.

R. B. DOWNING,  
*Hon. Sec.*

As announced in our previous issue, a Concert was given by the School Nurses' League at St. Bride's Institute, on Monday, 27th November, and was most successful from every point of view.

The Artistes, who so kindly took part, included three charming little girls—each in her special rôle contributing her part: Miss Doris Buxton, who sang “Mary of Argyll,” very sweetly; Miss Constance Hyde, who showed great promise as a young violinist, and Miss Eileen Webster, who delighted every one with her graceful toe-dances and was encored.

Miss Nobbie May (soprano) gave very sympathetic renderings of “Rosamond” and of “My Dear Soul.”

Miss Marie Clackson (contralto) has a very sweet voice, and especially charmed the audience with “Temple Bells.”

Mr. Leonard Lovesey, a very able tenor, was loudly applauded, and after his second song, “Rose of My Heart,” sang the very popular air, “Moir, My Girl!”

Mr. Sidney Jenkinson was very well received, his first song “Nirvana” is always a favourite, but he scored his success later in the evening, with the beautiful song “When Shadows Gather.” After being enthusiastically recalled, he sang “The Trumpeter.”

The humorous side of the programme was sustained by Mr. Reeve Moller, who recited “Trifling Occurrences” and “Slight Exaggerations.”

Mr. Sidney Gee and Mr. P. G. Hendley very ably accompanied the various songs. Mr. Gee also contributed a pianoforte solo.

Mr. Blade, to whom we are indebted for his help, in a few well-chosen words proposed a vote of thanks to all the artistes who so kindly contributed towards the enjoyment of every one present; this proposal was greeted with deafening applause, showing how fully each item was appreciated.

Mr. Blade then invited all present to adjourn to the small hall, where tables were spread with all manner of dainty refreshments, which were much enjoyed. Several nurses kindly acted as waitresses.

The halls were then speedily cleared, and Miss Theresa Bath's band, consisting of a piano, two violins and violoncello, played a valse, which acted as a signal for scores of twinkling feet to tread the “light fantastic” and dance followed dance in quick and gay succession.

We are very grateful to Mr. Herbert Train, who was an excellent M.C., and who, for that evening at least, lived up to his name and carried everything before him with much “en train.” We trust the evening was much enjoyed by every “one in the crowd.”

Before breaking up Mr. Train proposed a vote of thanks to the organiser, and suggested that another dance should be arranged to take place as soon as possible, which was cordially echoed by all participators.

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