

QUEEN'S SUPERINTENDENTS IN CONFERENCE.

A Joint Conference of the two Associations of "Queen's" Superintendents in the Northern and Southern Counties of England and Wales was held, by the kind invitation of the Committee of the Leicester and District Nursing Association, at Leicester on Thursday, March 7th. Between 70 and 80 Superintendents and Inspectors were present, including Miss Amy Hughes, General Superintendent, Q.V.J.I.; Miss Macqueen, Nursing Superintendent, England; Miss Lamont, Superintendent of the Irish Branch; and Miss Ellinor Smith, Superintendent for Wales.

The proceedings began with a meeting of welcome at 12 o'clock at the Girls' Guild Hall, Colton Street. The chair was taken by Mr. T. B. Ellis, Chairman of the Leicester District Nursing Association, and amongst others present were the Mayor and Mayoress, Alderman and Mrs. Tollington, Sir William Vincent, Dr. C. Killick Millard (Medical Officer of Health), Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Bond, Mrs. T. Fielding Johnson, Mrs. A. Paget, and Miss Rogers (Matron, Leicester Infirmary). The speakers gave a most kind welcome to the visitors, one and all showing keen appreciation of the work that is being done by Queen's Nurses, and of its possibilities in the future. Very encouraging and hopeful allusions were made to the progress of the work in Leicester, and of the success that is attending efforts to bring about co-operation with the various philanthropic institutions in the town.

After luncheon, at which the Mayor presided, members settled down to the business of the day. Miss Rosalind Paget took the chair, and spoke with great earnestness of the immense importance of district nursing to the country, and of the increased demand for district nurses, that must be met by the supply of the best possible material, a great difficulty in view of the fact that the public were only too willing to be content with something less than the best provided it were cheap. She felt that the fate of district nursing rested largely in the hands of the Superintendents, whose duty it was to instruct the public, to keep alight the sacred flame and carry on the work in accordance with its highest traditions. Interesting and helpful discussions followed the reading of the papers on the agenda. The first, on "The Financial Support of District Nursing Associations," was read by Miss Rogers (Sunderland), and the discussion was opened by Miss Curtis (Hammersmith). The admirable way in which the

working classes are in many towns contributing the major part of the funds for the support of the nurses was the most striking of the facts mentioned. Miss Hardman (Leicester) gave a particularly interesting account of the efficient system of collection adopted in this town. The second paper, contributed by Miss Marsters (Paddington), dealt with "The Nurse's Part in the Tuberculosis Campaign," and gave an account of the scheme first adopted in Edinburgh, which has served as a model in Ireland and elsewhere. One speaker after another testified to their strong conviction that this work is most especially within the scope of Queen's Nurses, and Miss Lamont gave some valuable details of the energetic way in which the campaign is being conducted in Ireland.

After a pleasant tea, Miss Hardman's invitation to visit the charming Nurses' Home in New Walk was gladly accepted, and every one agreed that Queen's Nurses in Leicester have indeed an ideal Home. Mrs. C. J. Bond (Hon. Secretary) afterwards most kindly accompanied a party of the visitors to see something of the Leicester Infirmary, Miss Rogers and her Home Sister taking them into the beautiful wards and over the Nurses' Home. That Leicester is to be congratulated on the completeness and excellence of its arrangements for the care of the sick was the impression carried away by members of the Conference, who voted cordial thanks to the Leicester Committee for their kind hospitality and welcome, especially to Mr. and Mrs. Bond, whose interest in the work of the nurses is untiring.

CENTRAL LONDON SICK ASYLUM NURSES' LEAGUE (CLEVELAND STREET BRANCH).

On Saturday, March 9th, the C.L.S.A. Nurses' League (Cleveland Street Branch) held a most enjoyable "At Home" in the Board Room, Cleveland Street.

The room was tastefully decorated for the occasion, tea and coffee being served at numerous small tables, round which groups of friends were soon seated, busily engaged in exchanging greetings and discussing reminiscences of old times.

The weather was all that could be desired, and, in spite of dark threats of reduced train services and overcrowded underground railways and all the other terrors of the times we live in, there was a large attendance.

Miss C. B. Leigh, Matron, received many congratulations upon her restoration to health.

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