

journed to 2, Portland Place, where Mrs. Walter Spencer, always a most kind and genial hostess, had prepared a most refreshing tea, and the formal character of a business meeting was exchanged for a social gathering, and where, to judge from the animated conversation, Dr. Chapple gathered the views of those prominent in all branches of nursing work. The meeting throughout was animated with a most cheerful and determined spirit.

MARGARET BREAY, •  
Hon. Secretary.

### SCOTTISH MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

While it is well known that the Advisory Committees under the Insurance Act are not elected bodies, it is interesting to note that when a ballot was taken to suggest a list of names of representatives of women workers to act on the Advisory Committees for Scotland, Miss Gill, of the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, was nominated by the Scottish Matrons' Association, the Scottish Society of Trained Nurses, and other bodies. We warmly congratulate Scottish nurses upon the sensible action of the Scottish Commissioners in placing a nominee of Nurses' Organizations on the Advisory Committee. Let us hope the English and Irish Commissioners will follow their example.

### THE BIENNIAL HEALTH CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION.

On June the 24th the above Conference and Exhibition will be opened at the Horticultural Hall, Vincent Square, S.W., by the Mayor of the City of Westminster, and will continue in progress until the 27th inst. To judge from the programme there will be a vast amount to learn of the greatest value to those interested in the public health, and the Exhibition will, we have no doubt, be visited by doctors, nurses and the public in large numbers.

An interesting feature of the Exhibition will be the exhibits of voluntary and philanthropic workers, including physical drill by Boy Scouts, Boys' Brigades, Working Girls' and Boys' Clubs, &c., organised by the National League for Physical Education and Improvement; a *real* school for mothers with living doctors, nurses, mothers and babies at work, and also, by the courtesy of the St. Marylebone General Dispensary, a "model infant consultation," as shown at the Dresden Hygiene Exhibition; the exhibit of the City of Westminster Health Society, and the Consumption Maps lent by the Medical Officer of Health for the City of Westminster; a novel Hygienic Fountain, as used in a large factory in America, by which the general use of a cup is avoided.

The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, the National Association for the Feeble-minded, and the National Organisation for Girls' Clubs are all contributing exhibits. Dr. Arthur Lyster, of Chelmsford, will show his shelter for tuberculosis cases.

The Conference and Popular Lectures, in which many experts are to take part, will be no less interesting. A programme of the Conference will be found in our advertising pages.

### PRIZES AT LEICESTER INFIRMARY.

#### THE FIRST GOLD MEDAL.

There was a large gathering in the Dining Hall of the Nurses' Home, at the Leicester Infirmary, on the afternoon of Wednesday, 5th inst., when the nursing staff met for the annual distribution of prizes. Sir Edward Wood presided, and was supported by Mrs. Charles Booth, Miss Rogers (Lady Superintendent), Mr. C. J. Bond (Senior Surgeon at the Leicester Infirmary), Dr. R. Pratt (Senior Physician) and many other friends.

Miss Rogers presented the report of the year, and said 36 probationers had entered the course. Eighteen obtained their certificates. Several nurses in leaving had passed other examinations. The teachers were to be congratulated. There had been several changes amongst the staff. The most important change, from the educational point of view, was the starting of lectures for nurses in their third year by Sister Jessie, who had accomplished great things, and the giving of a gold medal for the most proficient.

Miss Rogers read the report of Miss Wolseley Lewis, the examiner in nursing. This gave particulars of the examination, and said the whole average of work was distinctly good. Miss Rogers explained that this was the first year the nurses had been examined by an outside examiner. The winner of the gold medal was Nurse Watherstone.

Mrs. Booth, in making the presentation, said it was a very great pleasure and delight to her to be there, and to hear what was being done. They owed an immense deal to these clever nurses.

Mrs. Booth then presented the prizes as follows:

First Year Nurses.—Nurse Addison, three first-class (prize); Nurse Horton, three first-class (prize).

Second Year Nurses.—Nurse May, two first-class, one third-class (anatomy prize); Nurse Evans, one first-class, two second-class (nursing prize).

Final Examination for the Gold Medal.—Nurse Watherstone, three first-class, total marks, 468.

In replying to a vote of thanks, Sir Edward Wood said it was his pleasure to live for the hospital. A great work for suffering humanity was being done there. They were indebted to Miss Rogers for the gift of the first gold medal. It would be a great joy to the recipient. They all cherished Miss Rogers most dearly, and revered her work.

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