

LEICESTER INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Ninth Annual Meeting of the League was held in the Recreation Hall of the Nurses' Home on Thursday, June 13th, and was the largest gathering on record, over 80 members being present, and many coming long distances, some from the South coast, and others from Yorkshire. Several letters and telegrams were received from members, expressing their regret at not being able to be present.

The meeting was one of great importance and interest this year, as Miss Gertrude A. Rogers, President and Founder of the League, was present for the last time in her official capacity as Lady Superintendent of the Infirmary, and therefore the members had joined together to give her some token of their great love and regard for her. There was also important business relating to the office of President of the League to be discussed.

The Business Meeting was held at 3.15, when the chair was taken by Miss G. A. Rogers. The following members were elected to serve on the Council: Non-Resident, Miss E. Waldron; Resident, Miss J. Trotter and Miss Watmore. Miss J. W. Davies was appointed delegate for the League at the Cologne Congress. During the discussion relating to the Presidentship, Miss Rogers vacated the Chair, Miss Pell Smith taking her place. Before retiring, Miss Rogers made a short speech, in which she begged the members to consider the question from the point of view of what would be best for the future of the League, and said that she wished to see the League firmly established, and not dependent upon her. She hoped the members would put personal considerations on one side, discuss the question fully, and arrive at a definite policy.

Miss Pell Smith opened the discussion. She pointed out some of the difficulties that might arise if the President lived at a distance, and also if the Matron who should succeed Miss Rogers were not a member of the League.

The Secretary pointed out to the meeting that by the Constitution no one was eligible for membership unless she held the certificate of the Infirmary, or had been resident for one year.

After some discussion it was decided that in the event of the new Matron not being eligible for membership she should be asked to become an hon. member.

Miss Wade spoke very strongly in favour of Miss Rogers retaining the office of President.

The following resolution was put to the meeting: "That Miss Rogers be asked to retain the office of President." This was carried unanimously.

Miss Rogers, on returning to the Chair, received a tremendous ovation. She thanked the League very much, and said that as it was the wish of the members that she should remain President, she would gladly do so.

At the close of the meeting, tea was served in the nurses' dining room. The tables looked very dainty, prettily arranged with Shirley poppies, and loaded with good things. At the end of the room was hung the beautiful banner of the League, which is to be taken to the Cologne Congress.

When everybody had assembled, Miss H. Sherlock (Sister Lena) asked Miss Rogers, on behalf of the League and the nursing staff, to accept a beautiful diamond and pearl necklace, and a cheque for £100 as a small token of the deep love and respect they all felt for her.

With these gifts was included a small leather album containing the names of the donors, and photographs of the Infirmary from the earliest days up to the present time. After tea Miss Rogers thanked the League for the gift. The company then scattered; some to visit old haunts; others to examine the exhibits that were going to

the Cologne Exhibition, and to see a beautiful entrée dish, given to Miss Rogers by the in-patients of the Infirmary, with the following letter.

To our much respected Matron, Miss Rogers.

"We, the patients in the Leicester Infirmary hear, with great regret, of your intended severance with the Infirmary, and are anxious in our small way to show our appreciation of the splendid way you have carried on your duties as Lady Superintendent, and ask you to accept the enclosed gift as a token of that appreciation.

"Wishing you many years of health and prosperity,

"Yours sincerely on behalf of the patients,
JOHN EDWARD WEBB.
HENRY HAMER."



MISS OLIVE F. WATHERSTONE.
First Gold Medallist.

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