

NEW LEAGUES OF NURSES.

THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL, BIRMINGHAM.

On the initiative of Miss M. A. Buckingham, the Matron, a meeting of the past and present nurses of the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, was held on March 26th in the Recreation room of the Nurses' Home. In addition to Miss Buckingham, who presided, and Miss Lillias Pumphrey, Assistant Matron, sixty others were present. In opening the meeting Miss Buckingham explained that she had called it to discuss the possibilities of inaugurating a League for past and present nurses of the Queen's Hospital, and welcomed those present.

On the motion of Miss Pumphrey, seconded by Miss D. Jones, Miss Buckingham was appointed President for the ensuing year.

In thanking the meeting Miss Buckingham said her connection with the Queen's Hospital was a happy one, and that during the past three years she had very seriously thought about the question of forming a League. Naturally she was very pleased to see such a good response to her invitation, and saw no reason why the movement should not result in a successful and pleasing re-union. She fully appreciated the honour of being elected the first President of the League.

Miss Charlotte Elkington was then elected Vice-President, Miss Ashford, Secretary, and Miss Pumphrey, Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Officers having been appointed, Miss Buckingham proposed that six members be chosen, two from the present hospital staff, four from outside, together with the Officers, to form an Executive Committee, making a total of ten members. Mrs. Bekenn, Miss D. Jones, Miss Mercer, Miss Clarke, Mrs. J. Bradley and Miss E. Willes were then appointed.

The President announced numerous apologies for absence, and read a letter from Miss Elkington, late Superintendent of Nursing to the Hospital.

It was then agreed, after considerable discussion, that the official title of the League should be "The Queen's Hospital Nurses' League."

RULES.

The rules for the government of the League were next discussed, Miss Buckingham expressing the opinion that they should be few.

After considerable discussion the following were ultimately adopted:—

1. Nurses receiving the Queen's Hospital certificate at the end of three years' training are eligible to become members of the League.

2. Nurses, certificated elsewhere, shall, at the end of three years' residence in this hospital, be eligible for election as ordinary members of the League.

3. Sisters at this hospital, certificated elsewhere, may be elected as Hon. Members for their first three years' residence in hospital.

4. That members of the League shall pay 3s. annual subscription.

5. That applications for honorary or full membership be made through the Secretary to the Executive Committee.

The following resolution, moved by Mrs. Bekenn, and seconded by Miss Coleman and unanimously carried, concluded the proceedings of a most business-like meeting.

"That the best thanks of this meeting be presented to Miss Buckingham for her kindness in summoning the meeting."

Invitations were sent to 148 nurses, and many of those who attended first entered the hospital over 25 years ago.

The League, which we cordially welcome as the last addition to the Nurses' Leagues, will thus fulfil its purpose, of uniting in professional and social fellowship, the past and present nurses of the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham, and we



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