

The nave of which is of the Norman period (it was founded in the reign of King Henry I and Queen Matilda), the choir, Lady Chapel and transepts being of later date. We visited the tomb of Bishop Gundulph, founder in 1078, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, saw the buff leather jerkins worn by Cromwell's soldiers, who played havoc with the Cathedral and which they used as a stable, admired the beautiful crypt and then hurried on to the Castle, where the walls of the ancient keep are twelve feet thick, and there are still remains of a Roman wall to be seen.

The Matrons of the principal hospitals in Rochester and Chatham had invited members to lunch, and they were most hospitably entertained by Miss Pote-Hunt at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, by Miss Keenan, at the Royal Naval Hospital, Chatham, and at the Military Hospital, where they were the guests of

Miss Beatrice Jones, R.R.C. Those who lunched at St. Bartholomew's had an opportunity of seeing something of the arrangements of the Nurses' Home, which is most comfortably planned and appointed. The glorious view over the river, both from St. Bartholomew's and the Military Hospital, was a constant subject of comment, and happy must be the patients who, in convalescence, can watch the ever varying panorama as stately merchantmen pass, and picturesque sailing boats skim up and down. Happy the night nurse who can spare a moment to watch the day break over the river and the grey shadows dissolve in silver and gold.

At three o'clock the members reassembled for the business meeting in the Nurses' Home.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The Quarterly Meeting took place in the Nurses' Home at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, at 3 p.m., by invitation of the Matron, Miss Pote Hunt. Miss M. Heather Bigg, the President, was in the chair. Twenty-four members from London and the neighbourhood attended the meeting.

The Hon. Secretary, Miss A. E. Hulme, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were confirmed, and announced letters of regret at inability to be present from Miss E. Barton, Miss C. E. Todd, Miss E. Bradley, Miss S. A. Villiers, and Miss G. R. Hale (London), Miss G. A. Rogers

(Oxford), Miss E. M. Musson (Birmingham), Miss Bryan (Northampton), Miss Macintyre (Wigan), Miss C. Terry (Bath), and Miss Mary Brayne (Woodhouse Eaves, Loughborough).

NEW MEMBERS.

The following new members were elected:—

Miss A. C. Gibson, late Matron, Birmingham Infirmary.

Miss Dowbiggin, Matron, Edmonton Union Infirmary.

Miss M. Carruthers, Matron, Children's Hospital, Kensington.

Miss E. C. Busted, Superintendent, Private Nursing Home, London.

Miss F. K. Alexander, Matron, Tolworth Hospital, Surbiton.

Miss M. H. Keenan, R.R.C., Head Sister in Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service.



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Miss A. G. Keddie, Matron, Public Hospital, Oamaru, New Zealand.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE SUMMER MEETING.

The arrangements for the summer meeting were considered, and it was resolved to accept the cordial invitation of Miss E. R. Wortabet, Lady Superintendent of the Hindhead Nursing Home, to meet at Hindhead in July.

THE CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION, N.C.T.N.

Miss Hulme announced a cordial invitation, from Miss Musson, President of the General Hospital, Birmingham, Nurses' League, to all members of the Matrons' Council to attend the Conference and Exhibition of the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland

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