

THE GUY'S HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Annual meeting of the Guy's Hospital (London) past and present Nurses' League is always a friendly and pleasant gathering, and the past members are manifestly delighted to find themselves within the walls of their old training school once more. Its pleasure is intensified by the charming collection of photographs and of needlework of a high order of merit, exhibited by members. The meeting this year was held in the Nurses' Home, on Friday, April 24th and as usual, was preceded by dinner, presided over by the Matron, Miss L. V. Haughton, when the spacious dining hall was filled. Amongst those present were Miss S. A. Swift, late Matron, Miss Jolley (Liverpool), Miss Bryan (Northampton), Miss Blayney (Chester), Miss Atkey (Newport, Mon.) and many others. It is always a mystery to the invited guest how the commissariat is able to provide so excellent a dinner for the small sum charged to members, and the deftness with which each course is served, and as quickly removed, reflects the greatest credit on the domestic staff.

The business meeting took place in the Nurses' sitting-room, a room of noble proportions, spacious enough to seat comfortably the large number of nurses assembled. Miss Atkey, who presided, said how splendid it was to have such a League. When it was founded it was before the times, now everyone was talking of Leagues. Past members of the League, working far away in country posts, were glad to read of its doings in the nursing press. She reminded those present that in their endeavour to keep ahead of things and to realise, as it was right they should, their duty to their profession as a whole, they should not leave behind the fine traditions of the older nurses, who were devoted to their patients,

although they did not realise their social obligations.

The chairman then called upon Miss Haughton, the Matron, and Hon. Secretary of the League, to present the report, which stated that during the year between 80 and 90 associate members had been transferred to the past members' section, 170 week-end visits had been paid to the cottage at Honor Oak Park, and 1,252 short visits for tea, 3,002 volumes had been taken out of the library, and 30 new novels and 32 new medical books had been added. The Musical Society hoped to give a concert on May 1st. The Debating and Literary Society had had four debates in the first part of the winter, and there was now a Suffrage Society, called the Tabard. The Swimming Club had added water polo to its attractions and a new

net had been put up. A new tennis court had been added at the cottage at considerable expense, and play was keen. The Hockey Club had not been so active. The work of the Photographic Club, which had kindly been judged by Mr. Fred Hollyer, was on view, also the exhibit of needlework which had been judged, as last year, by Mrs. Burgwin. Not quite so much work had been sent in as last year, but Mrs. Burgwin considered it of a higher standard. The condition which she imposed that all work should be sent in unwashed



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had deterred some members from exhibiting. The seventh edition of the Nursing Guide and Register had been published, entailing work of which few people had any idea, and a post-graduate course of lectures, illustrated by the epidiascope, had been given, but had been attended by very few past members. The Executive Committee much regretted to record the death of Mrs. Evans, formerly Nurse Simpson.

Miss Haughton also presented the financial statement, as Mrs. Fagg the Hon. Treasurer was unable to be present, and made the satisfactory announcement that after meeting all current expenses, including payment for the new tennis

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