

court, they had been able to pay off £150 of the debt on the cottage, which, originally £4,022, had now been reduced to £1,050. In addition £100 had been placed on deposit at the bank, as they were thinking of adding two more rooms to the cottage.

Miss Smith then announced the result of the ballot for the election of members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year as follows: *Swimming Club*, Sister Olive and Nurse Hook; *Tennis Club*, Sister Lydia and Nurse Rowan; *Library*, Sister Job and Nurse Brennand; *Debating Society*, Sister Light and Nurse Wilson; *Choral Society*, Sister Ruth and Nurse Drower; *Hockey Club*, Sister Naaman and Nurse Looker; *Photographic Society*, Sister Addison and Nurse Webster.

On the proposition of Miss Swift, the Countess of Bective, Mrs. Hale White, and Mrs. Craig were elected Hon. Members.

Miss Sheldon then proposed that the League should apply for affiliation with the National Union of Women Workers, in which 155 societies of National importance were united. She said that it was important, especially with State Registration of Nurses becoming a topical question, to keep in touch with outside organisations. The proposition was supported by Miss Newton, on the ground that they must belong to everything that meant organisation if they were to go ahead, and the motion was carried.

Miss Haughton announced that a cordial invitation had been received from Miss Musson, President of the General Infirmary Birmingham Nurses' League, for any members, who were able, to attend the forthcoming Conference of the National Council of Trained Nurses in Birmingham, and the meeting concluded with warm votes of thanks to the Hon. Officers and Miss Smith, after which an admirable selection of vocal and instrumental music was given by members of the nursing staff, and some of the visitors, who had not been present in the afternoon, inspected and admired the photographic and needlework exhibits. The following prizes were awarded:—

NEEDLEWORK EXHIBITION.

Plain Needlework.—1, Nurse Staines; 2, Nurse Sutton; highly commended, Nurse Carr Hill. (*Muslin*): Very highly commended, Miss E. Hall. *Patching*: Nurse Edith Hope. *Darning*: Miss E. Hall. *Hardanga*: Nurse Windley; very highly commended, Miss Victoria Jones and Nurse K. Hodgkinson (India). *White Embroidery*: Sister Naaman; highly commended, Nurse Boys. *Crochet*: Nurse A. L. Witchell; very highly commended, Nurse Pace; highly commended, Sister F. E. Brown (Kirby Lonsdale). *Knitting*: Nurse Carr Hill. *Coloured Embroidery*: Nurse Knight-Law; highly commended, Sister Patience. *Lace Darning*: Very highly commended, Nurse K. Hodgkinson. *Drawn Thread Work*: Highly commended, Nurse Hills.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION.

Class A.—First prize: "The Duck House," Sister Addison; second prize, "Through the

Woods," Miss J. Paterson; third prize, "Feeding the Ducks," Miss Oldendorff; highly commended, "A Happy Family," Miss I. Stones.

Class B.—First prize, "A Temple, Benares," Miss K. Hodgkinson; second prize, "Clords and Floods," Nurse Thackeray; third prize, "Waiting," Miss E. V. Smith.

Class C.—First prize, "Sandsend, near Whitby," Miss Stansfield; second prize, "A Portrait by Flashlight," Sister Addison; third prize, "The Duck Pond," Miss K. B. Webb; highly commended "Silver Birch," Miss Stansfield, "Happy as a King," Sister Rebecca Ford.

Special prize for the best picture in the Exhibition, and Special prize for best picture sent in by Member now working in the Hospital, Sister Addison for photograph entitled "The Duck Pond."

Of photographs sent in by Miss Smith, marked "not for Competition," one entitled "Near Loughton" was specially commended.

By permission of Sister Rebecca Ford we are able to reproduce the charming photograph, "As Happy as a King," which she enlarged from a small photograph.

TRUE TALES WITH A MORAL.

Over the Telephone.

Client.—Can you send me a good nurse?

Sister-in-Charge, Nurses' Co-operation.—Yes, we shall be pleased to do so.

(Instructions follow.)

Client.—Please be sure to send some one who can take a patient's temperature.

Sister.—We have no nurses here who cannot do so. All our nurses are fully trained.

Client.—Oh, well, I have had them from Nurses' Co-operations, and found they couldn't.

Sister.—Never from here.

Client.—Oh, I'm not going to tell tales where they came from.

Sister.—We only supply nurses who have had three years' training and you can rest assured that they know their work. If you really pay £2 2s. a week for nurses who cannot even take a temperature, I hope that you will become an active supporter of the Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, the purpose of which is to give a guarantee to the public that the nurses they employ are skilled in their professional duties.

In the Sick Room.

Deaf Patient (feebly).—I am sorry I can't hear.

Patient's Wife (courteously).—Would you mind speaking a little louder, nurse.

Nurse (rudely).—Really in these days it seems to me that the patients always come first.

Status and No Status.

Visitor from New Zealand.—What status have trained nurses in England?

Chairman of a Metropolitan Hospital.—They really are domestic servants but they don't like to be thought so!

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