

LEAGUE NEWS.

The Annual Re-union of members of the Kensington Infirmary Nurses' League will be held at the Infirmary, Marloes Road, S.W., on Wednesday, January 6th. It will open with a reception in the Board Room at 3.30 p.m., an Organ Recital will be given by Dr. Hickox at 4.15, and there will be a service in the church at 5 p.m.

In the evening, at 8.30 p.m., the Lady Mayoress of Kensington will distribute Prizes and Badges to the members, to be followed by a dramatic entertainment and concert.

The annual *League Journal* is just to hand. It contains many articles of interest to others as well as the members of the League, and some delightful pictures—groups of the Matron and the nursing staff, of the Infirmary wards all gay with flowers, of the hospital yacht *Albion*, on which Sister Penley has been doing such good work in the theatre, when bringing our wounded across the Channel. This yacht belongs to Mr. Loeffler, and is beautifully fitted to hold sixty patients, and he has been most kind and thoughtful to the nurses, providing them with rugs, coats, and rubber shoes for the deck. Sister Penley has evidently had an entrancing experience, of which she writes:—“We usually leave Southampton one day, embark patients at Boulogne the next, and disembark at Southampton the following morning, after doing all their dressings and making them as comfortable as possible. We take it in turns to do night duty—two at a time, so our turn only comes once a week—and there is always a steward to see to our meals. We are all agreed we are in clover. Never in my wildest dreams have I imagined anything so delightful. Our cabins are luxurious—only two berths in each, and lots of room for our things.”

There are also interesting letters from Probationer Jordan, who has gone to Calais with the Women's Mounted Yeomanry Corps, and has been under fire in the trenches, where, when she went in to work, she had to crawl on hands and knees; she recounts many exciting experiences under fire. One night she slept on a bed of straw on a marble floor, and got a rest by lying down with the wounded after dressing their wounds. We fear this probationer will find the rest of her training, if she lives to return, very, very monotonous!

Preparations are stated to be in progress in Tokio for the dispatch of a Japanese Red Cross detachment to Paris, consisting of thirty of Japan's best nurses.

LEGAL MATTERS.

The trial in the High Court at Edinburgh of Kate Hume, of Dumfries, accused of having concocted letters alleging that her sister, while working as a nurse in Belgium, had been mutilated by German soldiers, concluded on Tuesday. The accused admitted the charge, and the defence was that she was obsessed with the cruelties of the Germans, and was seeing and imagining the things she wrote. This was the line taken by medical experts, Dr. Clouston saying that she might conjure up in her mind vivid pictures which could not be distinguished from the real.

The jury found the accused guilty, but recommended her to mercy, and she was released on probation.

DIOXOGEN.

Among the numerous germicides that have come into vogue since the inception of the antiseptic era, none has a wider range of usefulness than “Dioxogen,” supplied by the well-known firm of Messrs. Allen & Hanburys, Ltd., Bethnal Green, London, E. It is a powerful antiseptic, disinfectant, deodorant, and styptic, devoid of the irritating and poisonous qualities of most of the other antiseptics, and therefore capable of being applied freely without inconvenience or danger. The merits of “Dioxogen,” which are abundantly demonstrated by chemical analysis and by clinical and laboratory experiments, lie in its purity, uniformity and constancy of composition.

It is claimed that “Dioxogen” is equivalent in germicidal strength to pure 100 per cent. carbolic acid, yet it is absolutely harmless to healthy tissues, and that therefore it is particularly indicated for use in Hospitals and Nursing Homes, especially where wounded soldiers or sailors are receiving treatment. Used on fresh wounds “Dioxogen” stops bleeding, prevents suppuration and systemic infection, and promotes cicatrization; it is equally valuable as a topical remedy in septic conditions.

SANATORIUM CASE REGISTER.

Mr. H. K. Lewis, medical publisher, of 136, Gower Street, London, W.C., has just published a Sanatorium Case Register, designed by Mr. G. M. Mayberry, B.A., L.R.C.P., Resident Medical Officer, Dagenham Sanatorium, Essex, which should be very useful for keeping a complete record of cases in Sanatoria.

The Register Sheet measures 23 in. by 11 in. The left half is arranged for a complete record of the patient, including family history, previous illnesses and treatment, signs and symptoms of present illness, and general appearance, etc. The lower portion of this side is occupied with diagrams of Thorax (front and back) for recording physical signs on admission and on discharge, diagrams of the larynx, spaces for temperature, weight, pulse, etc.

The cost is £1 5s. for a book of fifty forms with index, or £2 for book of 200 forms.

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