

heart failure often prefer to sit in an armchair rather than lie in bed.

HONOURABLE MENTION.

The following competitors receive honourable mention:—Miss Henrietta Ballard, Miss Rowena Gilbert, Miss Etta Trevethan, Miss Dora Vine, Miss M. Elliott, Miss Jane Graham, Miss P. Robinson, Miss K. Kohler, Miss K. A. Roberts.

QUESTION FOR NEXT WEEK.

At what season of the year is infant mortality the highest? How may it be lessened or prevented?

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF TRAINED NURSES.

It has been decided to hold a Day's Conference convened by the National Council of Trained Nurses in London at an early date. The Papers will be grouped under the heading of "Nursing and War," and should prove of great interest not only to trained nurses, but to the general public. Quite a number of experts have promised to be present if possible. The amount of wonderful work which is being done at home and abroad for the care of sick and wounded would take a week to discuss, but there are many questions which trained nurses are attempting to solve to which useful consideration can be given in a day. A Resolution urging the imperative need for the immediate passage by the House of Commons of the Nurses' Registration Bill will be submitted to the Conference, and in the present feeling of the profession at large it should meet with hearty support.

LONDON COUNTY COUNCIL (GENERAL POWERS) BILL, 1914-1915.

At the meeting of the London County Council on April 27th, the Parliamentary Committee reported that the London County Council (General Powers) Bill, 1914-15, which was passed with amendments by Select Committees of the House of Commons in the last session of Parliament and then suspended until the session of 1915, now awaits consideration stage in that House. The Bill contains proposals dealing with the testing of high-pressure gas meters, music and dancing licences, the control of lying-in homes and establishments for nursing or special treatment, the control of premises upon which celluloid or cinematograph film is manufactured or stored, and certain miscellaneous provisions.

The Bill has so far made no progress in the present session, owing to the opposition which is being offered by certain trade interests in connection with cinematograph films.

LEAGUE NEWS.

GUY'S HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Dinner of the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League is always a most enjoyable function, so enjoyable indeed that one is tempted to wish other Leagues would follow its example.

This year, at the Dinner on April 23rd, the number of members present was considerably below the average, but for the best of reasons—that the absent members were engaged in nursing sick and wounded soldiers, at home and abroad. Miss Haughton, the Matron, presided at the principal table in the handsome and spacious dining room in the Nurses' Home; on her right hand was Miss M. Huxley from Dublin, and on her left Miss Swift. Another honoured guest was Miss G. A. Rogers, who has close associations with Guy's, and "the Front" was represented by Miss Kiddle, in Territorial uniform, home from France for a few days' leave. It will be remembered that with Miss Suart, now an acting Matron, she had the honour of being mentioned in despatches, and she had a very warm welcome from her colleagues, one of whom remarked later that she thought that at least Miss Kiddle would have been mounted on a pedestal.

The fact that the Dinner took place on St. George's Day was responsible for the unique menu cards, a scarlet map of England on a white background. On the map in white and gold relief appeared the patron saint of this country. On the fly-leaf was the menu. The name cards also bore the St. George's flag, the Matron wore white roses tied with crimson ribbons, the decorations of the tables were roses, and the crimson rose which each of the maids had pinned on the left-hand corner of her apron bib added much to the air of festivity.

The toasts were "The King," honoured, as was fitting, in lemonade; and "Absent Friends," drunk with much enthusiasm.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

After tea and coffee had been served, the business meeting was held in the Nurses' Sitting Room, than which there is no finer in London.

Miss Swift was voted to the chair, Miss Haughton saying that she had retired from Guy's but was now even busier than when Matron there. In speaking a few words of welcome and expressing her pleasure at being amongst Guy's nurses, Miss Swift said that she did not know that she was busier than in former days, but her present work under the Joint War Committee was so different. She had hoped that Miss Rogers, her most valued assistant at St. John's Gate, would take the chair, but Miss Rogers had declared she was too tired. It was very nice to see so many Guy's nurses, and to know that so many more were busily occupied. Nurses had reason to be more thankful than most women at their opportunity of helping at the present time, and members of the League were to be found in all parts where the Allies were fighting.

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