

opinion does not matter." That did not exhibit a full sense of duty. As professional nurses, and, she hoped, enfranchised citizens, every nurse must cultivate a sense of responsibility in regard to the affairs of the profession of which she was a member, in its relation to the community, and should stand firm for professional self-government.

The contest between the Central Committee for State Registration of Nurses and the new College of Nursing, Ltd., had been over this demand of nurses for direct responsibility in the management of their own affairs. It could not be conceded that any individual, no matter how influential socially, was justified in ignoring this right of nurses. Not only should they be permitted to exercise the right, but they should be strenuously encouraged to do so.

The President said she was sure the League would wish to thank Mrs. Fenwick for her message, a sentiment endorsed by acclamation. The meeting then terminated with the usual votes of thanks.

#### THE SOCIAL GATHERING.

It was unfortunately not sufficiently fine for the social gathering to be held in the garden, but a dainty and delicious tea was served in Nurses' Home. Every one was very glad to welcome Miss Pote Hunt, who had only returned to the hospital from a holiday the evening before, and Sisters and nurses were indefatigable in attending to the comfort of their guests.

#### THE BADGE.

The League members were wearing the new Badge, which is carried out in bronze, bearing round the edge "St. B. H., 1087, Rochester." The seal of the hospital in black and white enamel, is superimposed. The history of the hospital is an interesting one, as it was founded in the eleventh century by Gundulf, the twenty-ninth Bishop of Rochester. Originally intended for lepers, it was served by a Prior and four Brethren, represented to-day by the Chaplain and Brethren. By the reign of Edward III Sisters had been added to the Community, and the seal now adopted by the Nurses' League as their Badge bears (in Latin) the inscription: "Common Seal of the Brothers and Sisters of the Hospital of St. Bartholomew at Rochester," thus definitely connecting them with the devoted women who for 600 years have cared for the sick on the same site—an honourable and inspiring heritage.

Time did not permit of more than a peep into the well-kept wards, with a fine view over the river, and filled with ozone-laden air. The children's ward, with a profusion of lovely flowers, beautifully arranged and large, coloured air-balls suspended from the oak beams, came in for much admiration.

The nurses of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, Rochester, have a goodly heritage, and their League will no doubt help them to garner fresh treasures from their storehouse which will prove an incentive to high ideals and professional aspirations.

M. B.

## APPOINTMENTS.

### MATRONS.

**Shipton-in-Craven Joint Infectious Diseases Hospital.**—Miss Frances Pearson has been appointed Matron. She was trained for two years in Fever Nursing at Huddersfield Sanatorium, and in general nursing for three years at Bethnal Green Infirmary, and after four years' experience in infectious hospitals, has held the following positions:—Matron Bradwell Isolation Hospital, Assistant Superintendent Liverpool Convalescent Institution, Home Sister and Assistant Matron, Bradford City Fever Hospital, and Ward Sister at Keighley Isolation Hospital. Miss Pearson therefore possesses very thorough professional experience.

**Southwold Cottage Hospital.**—Miss F. M. Austen has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Charing Cross Hospital and the Chelsea Hospital for Women, and has been Matron of Faringdon Cottage Hospital, Berks.

**Colony for Epileptics, Langho, nr. Blackburn.**—Miss K. E. Oyler has been appointed Matron. She was trained at Guy's Hospital, London, and has been Matron of the Royal Infirmary, Gloucester.

### SISTERS.

**Princess Alice Hospital, Eastbourne.**—Miss Ethel Wakeman has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the General Hospital, Hereford, where she has held the position of Night Sister.

Miss Nellie Pinder has been appointed Sister in the same institution. She was trained at the Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading.

### STAFF NURSE.

**Clapham Maternity Hospital, S.W.**—Mrs. Muriel W. S. Holmes has been appointed Staff Nurse. She was trained at that hospital and has been Nurse at the Norfolk War Hospital. Mrs. Holmes has the Clapham Maternity Hospital certificate with Honours, and the C.M.B. certificate.

## MEDALS FOR NURSES.

At a recent meeting held at the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Donnybrook, Dublin, the Chairman, Sir William Fry, D.L., J.P., announced that the Managing Committee of the Hospital had recently decided to present a gold medal to each member of the nursing staff with a service of 15 years and upwards, to mark their appreciation of their devotion to duty and many acts of kindness and sympathy to the patients committed to their care. Sir William Fry, in a few well-chosen words, and amidst applause, made the presentations to Mrs. Legat, Assistant Matron; Staff Sister Jones, Staff Sister Keown, Nurse Kelly, and Nurse Sullivan.

We congratulate all these ladies on this honourable recognition of their devoted service to the Hospital.

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