

As a result of the nomination papers sent out, Miss Margaret Breay was elected President, and accepted office.

The League of St. John's House Nurses is composed of (1) nurses holding the certificate given by the House when under arrangements with various metropolitan hospitals it trained its own nurses (which it did up to 1896), and (2) of nurses who hold the three years certificate of other schools and who have worked on the staff of the House for a year. Also of those trained in other schools who have held positions of responsibility in connection with the House.

Miss Breay's connection with St. John's House dates from 1889, when she was appointed ward Sister at the Metropolitan Hospital, Kingsland Road, N.E. In October of that year she went to the St. John's House Maternity Home at Battersea for midwifery training, and holds both its maternity nursing and midwifery certificates. On passing the L.O.S. examination in January, 1891, she was appointed Superintendent of the Home, and two years later returned to the Metropolitan Hospital as Matron, which post she held until the Sisters of the All Saints' Community resigned their connection with St. John's House, when she was appointed Matron of the Hospital of the Universities Mission to Central Africa in Zanzibar. Since 1896, she has been Assistant Editor of the BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

The League of St. John's House Nurses was founded in 1900 by Sister Charlotte, C.S.P., who, while Sister Superior of the House, acted as its President, and the League owes much to her wise guidance, and to that of her successor, the present Sister Superior (East Grinstead Community), who has held the position up to the present time. Many members of the League have been engaged whole-heartedly in caring for our sick and wounded both at home and abroad during the war, and have earned warm praise for their devoted and patriotic work.

GUY'S HOSPITAL PAST AND PRESENT NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting and the Eighth Annual Dinner of the Guy's Hospital Nurses' League will be held in the Nurses' Home on Friday evening, May 17th. Tickets for the Dinner may be obtained, price 1s. each, and application for them should be made not later than Thursday, May 16th, addressed to the Hon. Secretary, at the Matron's Office, Guy's Hospital, S.E.

Owing to the War, and the difficulty of getting exhibits from members abroad, it has been decided not to hold a Competitive Exhibition of Photographs as usual, but an effort is being made to collect as many prints as possible to show to Members who attend the Annual Meeting. Those interested in photography are asked to communicate with Miss Smith not later than May 11th,

and at the same time to send in prints which need not have been taken recently, and are suitable for exhibition on the screens.

Dinner 7 p.m. punctually. Tea and coffee, 7.30 p.m. Annual Meeting 8 p.m.

THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The gatherings of the Nurses' Missionary League on May 1st were attended by members who have worked in many different lands. The number of missionary nurses present was exceptionally large, for many are unable to return to their distant hospitals and are occupied in various branches of work at home. There were present during the day five from China, five from India, two from Africa, and one from Asia Minor, as well as one who has been a prisoner for some time in Serbia, and at least one recently returned from service in France. The afternoon conversation gave special opportunity for gathering around these members and hearing about their experiences and conditions of work in their distant spheres.

The Annual Report of the League was passed at the evening meeting, and short accounts of the year's progress were given in the morning by Miss H. Y. Richardson, in the afternoon by Mrs. Wenham, and in the evening by Major McAdam Eccles, M.S., F.R.C.S., R.A.M.C. There has been great encouragement in the work, especially in the branches in the hospitals, not only in London but in various provincial centres, animated debates being held in some branches, and particularly helpful Bible Study Circles. There was also more enthusiasm about missionary work than in any previous year, and many enquiries had been received from Nurses who were considering where their sphere of work should be after the war. Mention was also made of the energy with which members had worked for the Sale of Work in the Autumn, and for small sales in various hospitals, all of which had brought in the splendid sum of £111. A sad note was added by Miss Richardson, who said that for the first time it had to be reported that members had given their lives in the service of their country. One had been drowned in the sinking of the *Glenart Castle*, while another had recently died who had contracted her illness at the front during the early part of the war.

The subject chosen for the day's programme was "A Fight for Reality: the World's Need; To-day's Opportunity; the Loyal Response," and the addresses morning and evening followed these titles. The chief address of the afternoon session was given by the Rev. H. G. Peile (S.C.F.) who spoke on "Pilate's Wife," drawing a vivid picture of (1) her love of home (since it was really against the law for a Roman governor to have his wife with him on his official journeys, and she could so easily have been away at some gayer, brighter place); (2) her courage in sending to her husband a message on behalf of Jesus Christ, since anyone who sought to interfere with justice

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