

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

(Contributed.)

The annual meeting of the League was held on June 19th in the Nurses' Home of the Royal Infirmary, the President (Miss G. A. Rogers) in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Hon. Treasurer (Miss E. Pell Smith) presented a satisfactory balance-sheet, and the Hon. Secretary (Miss E. G. Waldron) presented her report. Both were adopted.

The retiring Vice-Presidents were unanimously re-elected, and the name of Miss E. G. Waldron was added to their number, as some slight recognition of her work as Hon. Secretary. The meeting then proceeded to elect members to fill vacancies on the Council, caused by the resignation of Mrs. Bailie and Miss Crowsley, and the retirement by rotation of the Misses Eacott and Watherstone. The Misses Havers Highley, Mills and Sumner, R.R.C., were duly elected.

Miss Sumner, R.R.C., was then elected to serve as delegate on the Executive Committee of the S.S.R.N. in place of Miss E. Pell Smith, resigned, to whom a hearty vote of thanks for her services was given.

Miss G. A. Rogers and Miss Wade were re-elected delegates on the N.C.T.N., though Miss Rogers expressed the hope that when the times were less strenuous someone would be willing to take her place, as, owing to her home being so far from London, she found it almost impossible to attend meetings.

The President then read an appeal from Miss Vincent for friends to erect "A Memorial Tablet in the Chapel to those members of our nursing staff who have given their lives in the cause of honour and freedom. Up to the present date there are three Royal Infirmary trained nurses whose names are on the Roll of Honour—Sister Andrews, A.R.R.C., T.F.N.S., killed at a casualty clearing station; Sister Janet Evans, Q.A.I.M.N.S.R., drowned in the *Glenart Castle*, Sister Addison, F.F.N.C., invalided home from France, died six weeks later. Subscriptions of from 1s. to 5s. are asked for.

The meeting voted £3 3s. from the funds of the League.

A letter was then read from Miss M. de H. Spittal, expressing regret that Miss Vincent should have been pained by letters written by a League member which appeared in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING.

The President then rose and said she was sure that all members present regretted it also, and that while holding fast to our principles, we should endeavour not to wound the feelings of those who do not see eye to eye with us. She said she had received letters from members suggesting that the League should cease to take any active part in nursing politics, but that this would be contrary to the spirit of the constitution.

The chief objects for which the League was founded were twofold—(1) To strengthen the bond of union between past and present members of the nursing staff, (2) To endeavour to promote the usefulness, honour and interests of the nursing profession—and the League was therefore bound to do all which lies in its power to improve the status and further the interests of trained nurses. She then gave a brief summary of the history of the movement for State Registration since the introduction of the first Bill into Parliament in 1904, and added that the League had always stood for and worked for State Registration. She also dealt with the formation and aims of the Central Committee, about which there seemed to be some misunderstanding, and went on to say that she had just had the opportunity to read the amended Bill brought out by the College of Nursing, and was delighted to see that the right of nurses' societies to direct representation on the Council had been acknowledged.

After some discussion the meeting adjourned to one of the nurses' sitting-rooms for a very enjoyable "war tea." Amongst members from a distance we noticed Mrs. Moss, Miss Ellis, Miss Sumner, Miss Fraye, Miss E. G. Smith, Miss Braye, "Miss Martha Harvey" (who is now married, but whose name has, alas! escaped us), and several members from the town.

At the meeting of the newly-elected Council, it was decided to hold the autumn meeting late in October if possible.

BIRMINGHAM QUEEN'S HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

On June 11th (St. Barnabas' Day) the Bishop of Birmingham, in the Chapel of the Queen's Hospital, unveiled a tablet to the memory of Miss Maude A. Buckingham, late Matron, and also Matron of the Hollymoor War Hospital.

The Bishop gave an address on the duties and privileges of women in war time.

The memorial is a mosaic tablet depicting the "Good Shepherd," and is the gift of members of the League which Miss Buckingham founded and nurses in training under her.

The Chaplain (Captain the Rev. G. H. Moore) conducted the service which was largely attended by members of the League, Mr. Hyde, Chairman of the Hospital, and Mrs. Norman Todd, Chairman of the Nursing Committee, and several members of the Committee and Honorary Members of the Staff.

HYGIENE FOR NURSES.

Many nurses just now are taking a keen interest in the question of Hygiene, and will be glad to be reminded of an admirable manual, written specially with a view to their needs, by Dr. H. W. G. Macleod (illustrated). It is published by John Murray, Albemarle Street, W. Price, 3s. 6d. net.

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