

It was a dreary and uninspiring meeting, and every suggestion put forward has been discussed for years past at innumerable conferences of nurses, and reported or started in the professional nursing press at home and abroad.

A PROCESSION OF PETER PANS.

It seems extraordinary that the College Matrons still look upon grown wage-earning women as "children," and treat them as such. So long as they maintain this attitude there is little hope of professional or ethical advancement.

LEAGUE NEWS.

There was a goodly gathering of members at the annual meeting of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League, held on June 12th, for, after the business was concluded, there was to be a great social re-union of those who had served at home or abroad during the war.

There were many letters of regret from those who, for various reasons, were unable to attend; but about 70 were present. The President, Miss G. A. Rogers, who was in the chair, spoke a few words of hearty welcome, and read out the names of those who had been decorated or "mentioned"; also of those on the League's Roll of Honour. In the unavoidable absence through illness of the Hon. Secretary, Miss E. G. Waldron, Miss Sherlock acted as Secretary. Miss Amy Knaggs, R.R.C., Matron of the Lord Derby War Hospital, Warrington, was elected a vice-president, and the following ladies to fill vacancies on the Council: Miss Elliott, Miss Annie Hawkins, Miss Harris, Miss Martin, Miss J. Trotter, R.R.C., M.M.

A letter was read from Mrs. Hales acknowledging the wreath sent in the name of the League to Miss E. Cavell's funeral.

The meeting heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. G. C. Franklin, for many years senior surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, and always a good friend to the nursing staff; also of Mr. Pick, architect to the Royal Infirmary, who designed the beautiful nurses' home in which the meeting was held.

Miss Knaggs gave a short account of her work as Matron on board a hospital ship, and showed some most interesting photographs. Miss I. Glenn also deeply interested the audience by an account of her work as an anesthetist in France.

At the close of the meeting everyone adjourned to the prettily-decorated sitting-rooms, where a most welcome pre-war tea was served at little tables round which gathered members who had served in Africa, Egypt, India, Greece, Mesopotamia, France, Belgium, or on the high seas. Tongues were unloosed, experiences were exchanged. In some cases congratulations on recent or approaching marriage were offered; and a very happy hour passed only too quickly.

UNITED MEDICAL MISSIONS EXHIBITION.

The Exhibition, which was declared open by the Bishop of Stepney on June 23rd, and which will remain open for a fortnight from 12 to 2 and from 3 to 10 daily, promises to be of great interest. By the courtesy of the Vicar and Churchwardens of St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, the extensive premises of the church grounds have been utilised, and surely no better accommodation could have been found.

The large crypt and what are called the "New Rooms" are occupied by the exhibits, which have been arranged in a very orderly and attractive manner.

The missionary work in each country is "visualised" by means of courts, each of which contains a large number of exhibits, which brings home to the visitor as nothing else could the valuable work being carried on. The countries represented are:—China, South Africa, East and West Africa, Japan and Korea, India, Palestine, North and South America, and the "Islands of the Sea." These include Polynesia, Papua, Madagascar, Ceylon, West Indies, and Borneo.

We were particularly interested in a beautiful model of the Tarn Taran Leper Asylum, the Punjaub, India, which was perfect of its kind; and if the sufferers from this awful disease can be made happy, the care bestowed upon them in this admirable Asylum must certainly make them so. The Palestine Court contains exhibits and models illustrating the native life of the people, and the work of preaching and healing which is being carried on in their midst.

The following are some of the chief exhibits:—A large model of Jerusalem Hospital, built outside the city some years ago to replace the former hospital, which was inside the city; Judaica Section, showing Jewish religious ceremonies, phylacteries, praying shawls, shopars, Sabbath and Chamikah lights, a model of a synagogue, &c. The agricultural instruments are of special interest from the point of view of primitiveness—the plough, the winnowing fan, the shovel, threshing instrument having teeth, the shepherd's rod and staff, sling, and various other things connected with Palestine life and customs. A most generous programme of entertainments is provided for every day, in the way of short lectures, demonstrations and tableaux, contributed by the various Missionary Societies represented. The exhibition is open to Nurses *only* from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. No doubt this act of courtesy on the part of the Management will be greatly appreciated; certainly it is the duty of every nurse to visit, if at all possible, this delightful Exhibition, and get in touch with some of the experienced Nurses in the Mission Field who are to be found there. Amongst them may be mentioned Miss Basham (St. Thomas's) *Damascus*, Miss A. M. Brown (Croydon General), formerly *Mengo*, Miss Elms (Sheffield

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