

BIRTHDAY WEEK AT THE IMPERIAL CLUB.

Monday, November 24th, was the inaugural afternoon of "Birthday week" at the Imperial Nurses' Club, 137, Ebury Street, and, judging by the start, it should have an excellent finish. There was an air of festivity throughout the house, and vases of bright-coloured chrysanthemums smiled from many points of 'vantage. Strains of music assailed the ears of the entering guests, which proved to proceed from the expert fingers of Miss I. Pearson, who is well known to the habitués of the club, and who often delights it on social occasions. Miss Mayers, the Lady Superintendent, well understands the art of welcoming the coming and speeding the parting guest, and a genial atmosphere pervaded the gathering.

We were privileged to inspect some of the improvements which have been effected since the club's last birthday, and whether the new box-room or the new stair carpet is nearest to the heart of Miss Mayers we are not prepared to say. With regard to the former, it is certainly a most tremendous asset. It is furnished with numbered racks, and is in special charge of the man servant. This ensures that any nurse who may wish her property sent to her at a case or elsewhere has only to quote the number of the rack, and without difficulty her belongings can be identified and forwarded. Of the glory of the new stair carpet in the annexe it is difficult to write without pangs of envy, for a new carpet in these days is, well—is a new carpet. If anything could make walking upstairs a pleasure this acquisition is the thing to accomplish it. The hot pipes in the bathroom have been ingeniously enclosed with a roomy cupboard, which disposes of the airing difficulty.

The bedrooms, so dainty and cosy, all furnished in colour schemes, must be gratefully appreciated by their guests.

The "Beatrice" room boasts of a signed picture of Her Royal Highness, which she herself presented to the Club.

The privilege of sleeping in the annexe carries with it breakfast in bed; and on the top floor is a clever little pantry containing every necessary for dainty service.

Breakfast consists of kipper or bacon, toast and marmalade, and the cost is only 1s. to members and 1s. 2d. to non-members.

The guests were entertained to a very delicious tea. A notable feature of the Club is (1) that they possess a cook, (2) that they have a cook who can cook. In these days quite an achievement. We judge of her culinary powers by the variety of dainty and ornamental cakes on the pretty tea tables, which we were informed were all home made.

In the restful and comfortable drawing-room a varied musical programme entertained the guests.

The reception was from 3 to 6. On the first Monday afternoon invitations were issued to Vice-Presidents and the Matrons of various hospitals

and institutions; and for the ensuing days of the week Miss Mayers is at home to any nurse guests who may like to come.

Mrs. Weir, R.R.C., formerly Sister Elizabeth, of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, has been elected Chairman of the Committee. H. H.

APPOINTMENTS.**MATRONS.**

Gables Nursing Home, Newcastle-on-Tyne.—Miss Laura Bruford has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the General Hospital, Cheltenham, and has had experience of both fever and maternity nursing, having been on the staff of Queen Charlotte's Hospital for nearly three years. She was subsequently on the staff of the Registered Nurses' Society for four and a-half years, and has recently been Sister-in-Charge of the Maternity Home attached to the Royal Scottish Nursing Institution, Edinburgh. The Gables Nursing Home is in connection with the Newcastle Maternity Hospital.

Isolation Hospital, Fareham.—Miss E. Howard has been appointed Matron. She was trained at the Poplar and Stepney Sick Asylum, and the Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, City Road, E.C. She has also been Ward Sister at the Bristol City Infectious Hospital, Kingston, and at the St. Pancras Infirmary, and Matron of the Chester-le-Street Isolation Hospital. She is a member of the Territorial Force Nursing Service.

ASSISTANT MATRON.

General Hospital, Merthyr.—Miss M. Gibbs Bowen has been appointed Assistant Matron. She was trained at the General and Eye Hospital, Swansea.

SISTERS.

Newcastle-on-Tyne Poor Law Infirmary, Westgate Road.—Miss Ethel Madden has been appointed Ward Sister. She was trained at Tynemouth Union Infirmary, and has done private nursing in Sunderland.

Miss Louisa Smith has been appointed Ward Sister at the same Infirmary. She was trained at the Bramley Union Infirmary, where she was Staff Nurse and Sister.

Birmingham and Midland Eye Hospital.—Miss E. Waters and Miss M. E. Thompson have been appointed Sisters. Miss Waters was trained at Leeds Union Infirmary, has been Sister and Night Superintendent at North Riding Infirmary, Middlesbrough, and has been for four years on Q.A.I.M.N.S.R. Miss Thompson was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Sheffield, and Sister in the T.F.N.S. 3rd Northern General Hospital, Sheffield.

SCHOOL NURSE.

Education Authority, Morley.—Miss Ethel Jackson has been appointed School Nurse. She was trained at the District Infirmary and Children's Hospital, Ashton-under-Lyne, and has held the position of Night Sister at the Cameron Hospital, West Hartlepool, and has done War Service as a member of Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service Reserve.

ASSISTANT MIDWIFE.

Bank Hall Maternity and Children's Hospital, Burnley.—Mrs. Olive Wood has been appointed Assistant Midwife. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield, and has been Staff Nurse and Holiday Sister at St. Mary's Hospital, Manchester, and Staff Nurse at King's George's Hospital, London. Q.A.I.M.N.S., and has done District Midwifery at St. John's Home, Bow. She is a certified midwife.

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