

would be her greatest pleasure to look back upon that work, and to say that it had indeed been good.

The Executive Committee nominated Miss H. T. Baines, who was willing to act if elected, to fill the post of Secretary vacated by Miss Cutler, and this was carried unanimously.

The meeting then terminated, and those present adjourned to the Medical and Surgical Theatre for the lecture on Serbia and Jugo-Slavia by Mrs. Dickinson Berry, M.D.

SERBIA AND JUGO-SLAVIA.

Mrs. Berry announced that she was suffering from a severe cold, and that she was convinced her voice would not hold out for an hour. The League would not, however, be the losers as Mr. Berry had consented to give the first part of the lecture.

Mr. Berry, who prefaced his lecture by saying what a pleasure it was to him to return to his old haunts and to the room in which he had taught for twenty years, gave a most interesting description, illustrated by lantern slides of Serbia and Jugo- (Southern) Slavia. He apologised for the number of maps shown, but no apology was needed, for they showed most clearly the position of the countries inhabited by the Slav races, and the reason why the great trade routes from Central Europe to the East must pass through Serbia, so that it stood directly in the way of the ambitious Powers which took the opportunity of the assassination of the Archduke Franz-Joseph to pick the quarrel with Serbia which eventually involved the world in war.

Mrs. Berry emphasised the same point. She also spoke of the patriotism of the Serbian women, who sent their sons and husbands to the war, and of their great awakening and desire for higher education, due partly to the upheaval caused by the war and partly to the influence of British women, of whom they had a tremendously high opinion. It was not doles they wanted so much as help to assimilate British methods. She told of a scheme for raising a fund for giving medical scholarships in London, to Serbian girls, of which she is Hon. Secretary, which is being organised as a War Memorial.

In seconding the vote of thanks proposed by Mrs. Andrews to Mr. and Dr. Dickinson Berry, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick emphasised the need of studying geography in order to understand politics. She warmly thanked the speakers for their most instructive, interesting and delightful lecture. At the close of the meeting, an impromptu collection was made resulting in over £5 being handed to Dr. Dickinson Berry, for her Medical Scholarships Fund.

THE SOCIAL GATHERING.

The members of the League then adjourned to the Nurses' Sitting-room for tea, and for the conversation with old friends which is always such a delightful part of the League meetings. Everyone appeared in the highest spirits in anticipation of the passing into law of the Nurses' Bill, and keen

recruiting took place for the coming Pageant on "The Evolution of the Nursing Profession." Quite a number of those who helped to make the 1911 Pageant so great a success consented with pleasure to take part again, and St. Hilda of Whitly, Marcella, a Sister of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, a Choir Sister of the Augustinian Order, Queen Philippa of Hainault, an Abbess of Noble Birth, Elizabeth Fry, to say nothing of Sairey Gamp and Betsy Frig, have consented to "act."

The very skilful needle of Miss Fanny Sleight, late Sister President, has been placed (by request) at the disposal of the Pageant—and that is a tremendous asset.

But as some 150 persons appeared in the last Pageant, the Committee has a tremendous task to accomplish, and it is hoped that other Leagues will take part in this occasion of rejoicing.

THE NURSES' REGISTRATION BILLS— SECOND READING IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS.

NURSES' REGISTRATION (No. 2) BILL.

In the House of Lords on Monday, December 15th, the Order of the Day for the Second Reading having been read, Viscount Sandhurst, on behalf of the Government, rose to move the Second Reading of the Nurses Registration (No. 2) Bill. (England and Wales.)

AN AGREED MEASURE.

LORD SANDHURST said: My Lords, I am glad to present this Bill as an agreed measure. Those who have followed this controversy, as I have done for more than a generation, will be as pleased as surprised, and as surprised as pleased, with the result. I certainly had thought, from the various phases through which this subject has passed during a number of years, that such a result would have been well nigh impossible, but I did not count on the magician-like qualities of the Minister. Your Lordships will remember that there were two Bills introduced last summer: one promoted by a Member of the House of Commons, and another presented by Viscount Goschen in this House. I am glad to say that this Bill, of which I now propose the Second Reading, has been welcomed by the adherents of that Bill, which I believe was nearly the identical Bill passed in this House eight or nine years ago at the instance of Lord Amptill.

Lord Sandhurst then explained that the Minister of Health had solved the difficulties surrounding the formation of the First General Nursing Council by deciding to appoint it himself. He reminded the House that the two former Bills provided that there should be one Council for the United Kingdom, but since then a Ministry of Health Bill had been passed, and it was admitted that in the care and treatment of the sick the Ministry of Health should be responsible. This would be the case for England and Wales, but, as their Lordships knew, the Minister of Health did not have power in Scotland or Ireland. Therefore three Bills were necessary, and three Registers. To meet that point

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