

(8) The Dramatic Society, which has already won its laurels, and by the performances in April has contributed £160 to the Building Fund for the new Nurses' Home, is under the care of Sisters Loxton, Penman and Macdonald, assisted by Nurse Mirrielees.

(9) *The Ready to help Section*, under Nurse Ingram, will be of invaluable assistance in organising a band of helpers for the many public events such as Alexandra Rose Day, in which the Hospital is asked to lend a hand.

(10) The Royal British Nurses' Section consists of the members of the R.B.N.A. in the Hospital, under the able direction of Sister Bean, and will seek to keep the splendid ideals and claims of the Association, and the truths that the Association has ever promoted, before the young Nurses in training, and endeavour to win them as members before they leave their Alma Mater.

(11) The L.T.H. Nurses' League Journal will be published monthly with the Matron as Editor (*pro. tem.*) and Sister Wilkins and Nurse Sonia as Assistant Editors, beginning with October 1st, 1921. Copy is already pouring in.

The League is being placed on a thoroughly business footing; but it is not proposed to lengthen this meeting with the details.

Nurse Moore's Report was followed by a speech from Major Rigg, in which he expressed his extreme satisfaction at the splendid *esprit-de-corps* prevailing among the Nursing Staff, and the unselfish way in which so many outside interests were enthusiastically maintained by them. He was proud to be there on the occasion of the inauguration of the League, and he wished it every success. Major Rigg also laid special stress on the services rendered to the Nursing Profession by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, and the debt that they owed her. He further emphasised the great need of following up the victories already won.

Mr. Herbert Paterson, who followed, said it was a great delight to him to do anything for the Nursing Profession and especially for the L.T.H. He had long waited for the birth of the L.T.H. Nurses' League, and looking forward into the future its possibilities were unbounded. Service, not self, was the motto given to the League by the Matron, and this was the only solution of life to-day. A League started to inspire loyalty in its members to the service of mankind, and the hospital that was training them, must be of inestimable value to any institution.

Mrs. Rhodes, the Secretary of the W.T.A.U., spoke of the aims of the Nurses' Section of that Union, and expressed great joy at the opportunity of winning recruits for the Union offered by the L.T.H. Nurses' League. Miss Macdonald, Secretary of the R.B.N.A., thanked the L.T.H. Nurses' League for the encouragement to the Association, and the hope for the future, if young and enthusiastic members of the profession sought to associate themselves with the ideals of the R.B.N.A. Mr. W. W. Parkinson (Vice-Chairman of the Board) added his hearty congratulations on the formation of the League and wished it success and long life.

Miss Donaldson was presented with an exquisite Bouquet of red rosebuds and asparagus fern by Nurse Mirrielees from the Debating Society, "with love and gratitude to the Matron."

The formal proceedings having been concluded by the thanks of the Nurses conveyed to the Visitors in a few gracious words from Miss Donaldson, the newly formed L.T.H. League proceeded to offer a most original programme for the entertainment of the guests, including the following items:—

(1) Who am I? (The guests on arrival had unknown to themselves been adorned on the back by a card bearing an inscription); (2) Hidden Word; (3) Aerial Football; (4) Musical Arms; (5) Elusive Chocolate; (6) The Mystery Tub; (7) Nursery Rhymes; (8) Joseph Yes Sir; (9) Kissing the Blarney Stone.

The fun and merriment caused by the inability of some of the dignified guests to perform these feats were fast and furious and the end came all too soon, when farewells and fervent wishes for long life and prosperity to the L.T.H. Nurses' League were echoed on all sides.

STATE REGISTRATION IN THE NETHERLANDS.

We have before us this week a translation of the Dutch Bill for "The Legal Protection of the Diploma for the Nursing of the Sick." The Minister of Labour states in his memorandum explanatory of this Bill that the conditions for the recognition of foreign diplomas must be such as to guarantee a training equal in value to that sanctioned by law in the Netherlands.

This Bill became law on May 2nd last, and both the Minister of the Interior and the Minister of Labour are entrusted with the execution of the law, and changes have been made accordingly in the measure.

The registered nurses do not appear to have any representation providing for any degree of self-government as conceded in British and American Acts, but we know that Nosokomos, the Dutch Nurses' Association, looks forward in the future to a more democratic form of registration.

Miss Lucie Hichens, the proprietress of a massage establishment at 169, Piccadilly, has had her licence revoked by the Public Control Committee of the London County Council. Mrs. Parker, the L.C.C. Inspector, was abused and threatened with libel. We congratulate her on her courageous exposure of the disgusting conditions, which has led to the suppression of this place. There are plenty more "massage" establishments run on the same lines!

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