

and noble effort—a part of the Poetry of Life! My own beloved training school in London and the Glasgow Royal Infirmary evoke these feelings in our breasts to-night, and, without doubt, such loyalty and devotion have an infinite potency for good, a potency spiritual in its force, and in things spiritual there is no conflict between intensity and expansion, for the *deepest* sympathy is potentially also the widest. He who loves not his home, his country, his university, his Alma Mater, how shall he learn to love humanity in general!

The outcome of this great representative gathering is to be the birth of our Nurses' League and the beginning of a great forward movement in the history of Scottish Nursing. Forward my Sisters—that the enemy snatch not the fruits of victory from us at the very moment of our triumph.

We sleep and wake and sleep! but all things move;

The Sun flies forward to his brother Sun;
The dark Earth follows wheeled in her Ellipse,
And human things returning on themselves,
Move onward, leading up the golden year."

Miss Williamson, supporting Miss Donaldson, said: I am glad to have the privilege of supporting Miss Donaldson's toast to our guests. It is a great pleasure to have them with us to-night. Some of them have been our lecturers; some of them have been our entertainers; and from them all we have received unfailing consideration and courtesy; and we are delighted they should honour us with their presence to-night.

Miss Williamson warmly supported the proposal to form a League of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses.

Miss Marshall said: I rise to support the Toast proposed by Miss Donaldson and to say a few words about the proposed League. Those of us who have been connected with the Royal Infirmary for many years and owe our professional standing to its training, and who are still members of its present nursing staff, have long felt the need of some such organisation.

Professor Glaister, who replied for the "Distinguished Guests," spoke of the pleasure he felt at being present. His long association of close on fifty years in one capacity or another as student,

lecturer to the nurses, examiner to the nurses, and lastly manager, naturally made him, he said, feel a deep and warm interest in anything connected with the Royal Infirmary. He thought the idea of the formation of the proposed League one of the happiest conceptions of which he had heard.

"THE PAST NURSES."

Sister Mitchell, proposing "The Past Nurses," said: It is with feelings of great pleasure that I rise to-night to propose the Toast of "The Past Nurses" of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary. We all know what we owe to the former nurses of our great institution. Why, the whole fame of our Training School rests upon their shoulders. They

have gone forth into the world and acquitted themselves so well that honour and glory and praise have been bountifully bestowed on the Glasgow Royal Infirmary.

Miss Filley, Matron, Greenock Infirmary, in reply, spoke of the joy with which she looked back upon the days of her training. Mrs. Strong's talks with her nurses in those days seemed to stand out more clearly than anything else, and even to-day the wonderful foundation principles she then expounded seemed all that it was necessary to say, indeed, they still appear to be up-to-date.

"THE PRESENT NURSING STAFF."

"The Present Nursing Staff" was then proposed by Miss M. R. Stewart, who said: It gives me great pleasure to propose the toast of "The Present Nursing Staff of the Glasgow

Royal Infirmary," and I couple with it the name of the Matron, Miss Steuart Donaldson.

Miss Donaldson has come to Glasgow with a fine record of past attainments. She has gained much experience as an organiser and administrator, and by her valuable services during the War she has won distinction and honour. Miss Donaldson will find in the Glasgow Royal Infirmary a wide field for, and loyal support in, the carrying out of her professional ideals. The Nursing Staff of the Royal, in the past, has been singularly fortunate in its Matrons. It was Mrs. Strong—who first brought the higher system-



MRS. STRONG,
The Doyenne of Trained Hospital Matrons.

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