

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Annual Meeting of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League was held in the Recreation Room of the Nurses' Home at the Infirmary on June 14th. Owing to the restricted train service, few members from a distance were able to be present.

After transacting the necessary business the members adjourned to the Nurses' Sitting-room for tea and the social meeting.

Miss Jessie Davies, on behalf of the League, informally presented Miss Rogers with a pearl and amethyst brooch, and a marabout wrap, as souvenirs of the love and high esteem felt by the members of the League for their Foundress and first President.

Miss Rogers said how much she appreciated the loyalty and love of the League: these beautiful gifts had come as a great surprise to her, and she need hardly say would always be worn with affectionate thoughts of those whose kindly feelings had prompted them. After tea the members strolled round the Infirmary, visiting the new extension of the Nurses' Home, the new Mortuary and Pathological Department and the beautifully fitted-up Orthopaedic Clinic, all opened since the meeting of last year.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

On Tuesday, June 28th, the formal inauguration of the London Temperance Hospital Nurses' League took place at the Hospital. The Out-patients' Hall was transformed into a bower of flowers, and at 6.30 p.m. the Matron, Sisters and Nurses received the guests who had come to show their interest and sympathy with the League.

A most interesting report of the objects and activities of the League was presented, and the Matron, Miss Steuart-Donaldson, said she hoped that the L.T.H. League would keep before it the real aim of a true nurse's life, and stand for all that is best and highest in our glorious profession. There was need to-day to emphasise above everything that Nursing was a vocation. We shall hope some day to welcome the new League into the National Council of Trained Nurses, and thus link up L.T.H. Nurses, through its affiliation with the International Council of Nurses, with their colleagues throughout the world. The wider the sympathies of the members of our Nurses' Leagues, the greater the benefit they will receive from such organisations.

Stirling is to have its own District Nursing Home, Ltd. The company, which is a private one, has bought 15, Park Terrace. At present there is no home nearer than Glasgow or Edinburgh where private patients can be treated, and it is thought that such a Home will be of great benefit to the community.

COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD. THE ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the College of Nursing, Ltd., was this year held on Friday, June 24th, in the Surgeons' Hall, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh. The Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley, G.B.E., Chairman of the Company, presided, and there was a good attendance of members.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the Report and announced the membership of the College as now over 20,000. Referring to the Unemployment Insurance Act, he stated that they had been asked by the Government to find out the opinion of the members about the Act. They accordingly had a referendum, but he was sorry to say that out of their 20,000 members they had only 5,000 replies, with the result that when they went to the Government authorities their case was seriously weakened.

The accounts showed a deficit of £748, and the Chairman said that "to have a comparatively small deficit like that showed that the College was really working up to its full measure!"

It is interesting to note both the sum which has been expended on maintaining the College of Nursing, Ltd., for a year, and also what are the details of the expenditure which has overrun the income by £748 16s. 1d. The Balance Sheet of the General Fund as published in the sixth Annual Report shows that the expenses of management are £5,686 14s. 1d. These include salaries, £2,335 17s. 1d.; Rent, £200; Rates and Taxes, £180 3s. 11d.; Insurance, £17 14s. 9d.; Advertising, £192 2s. 7d.; Printing and Stationery, £1,430 3s. 4d.; Housekeeping, Fuel and Light, £168 0s. 7d.; Postage and Telephone, £722 19s. 11d.; Travelling Expenses, £156 15s. 8d.; Professional Charges, £133 8s. 11d.; Examination Expenses, £10 10s.; Sundry Expenses, £119 5s. 1d.; Repairs and Renewals, £19 12s. 3d. Depreciation of Furniture and Fittings, £81 13s. 6d.; Expenses of Four Issues of *Bulletin*, £1,043 17s. 6d., against which £453 3s. 4d. has been received for advertisements and sales; Students' Fees (for Scholarships, Tuition Fees and Hostel Fees) amount to £290 17s.; Grants to Students, £60; and Grants to Scottish Board £450, to Irish Board £460 (£910). Total £7,619 18s. 9d.

THE CONFERENCE.

In the evening Mrs. George Kerr, Chairman of the Nurses' Committee of the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary, presided at a Conference at the Surgeons' Hall, when Dr. J. C. Meakis spoke on "The Nurse in Relation to the Development and Practice of Scientific Medicine"; Miss Watt, Superintendent of Health Visitors and Queen's Nurses for the burgh of Motherwell and Wishaw, on "The Controversy Concerning the Trained Nurse's Suitability for Public Health Work," and Miss Dunbar, a trained nurse, and Secretary to the Scottish Women's Friendly Society, on "The Status of the Nursing Profession from an Economic Point of View."

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