

THE GUY'S HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Twenty-second Annual Meeting and the Fourteenth Annual Dinner of the Guy's Hospital Past and Present Nurses' League took place at the Hospital, on Friday, May 5th. Each year a greater strain is put upon the capacity of even the spacious dining-room, which forms part of the Home of which Guy's Nurses are justly proud, and this year those members were wise who made application for tickets in good time, for late comers had to be refused as crowded out.

The tables looked charming with the light streaming in through the great bow window on vases of golden daffodils, the colour of which seemed reflected in big glass jugs of lemonade.

Miss MARGARET HOGG, C.B.E., R.R.C., the Matron, was supported by Dame Sarah Swift and Miss L. V. Haughton (former Matrons), Miss L. E. Jolley (Lady Superintendent at Holloway Prison), and others. Of the dinner, it must suffice to say that the encomiums showered upon the Matron, the Home Sister, and the cook were thoroughly well deserved.

The Annual Meeting.

Miss HOGG (as Matron of the Hospital and Hon. Secretary of the League) cordially welcomed the members, and said it was a Red Letter night for the League to have with it Dame Sarah Swift, Miss Haughton (whom it was a delightful pleasure to see looking so strong and well again), and Miss Oxford. They regretted that Miss Sheldon was unable to be present. She retired from the Institute a short time ago, and they all wished her every happiness in her future work.

Miss HOGG invited all present to help in making the Fête organised by the Ladies' Association, to be held in the Hospital grounds, in aid of the Hospital, a great success; gifts for the stalls would be very welcome, including the second-hand stall.

Miss L. E. JOLLEY, on the invitation of Miss Hogg, then took the chair, and signed the minutes of the last Annual Meeting.

The Report of the Year's Work.

The Hon. Secretary (the Matron) then gave a report of the year's work, and, in the absence of Mrs. Hughes (the Hon. Treasurer) presented the financial statement.

The Report stated that between 80 and 90 Present Members have been transferred to the Past Section during the year. About 300 week-end and days off have been spent at the Cottage during the year, and nearly 900 short visits paid for tea and breakfast. Nearly 1,000 volumes have been taken out of the Nurses' Library during the year.

Nurse Vian was the winner this year of the Fagge Tennis Challenge Cup. The dry summer last year was so detrimental to the grass tennis court that it was found necessary to have a new court altogether. After much thought and dis-

cussion, the Council decided to have a second hard court put down.

The Nurses' Swimming Club worked very hard during the year, and a Hospital Team of six of the best swimmers took part in the Inter Hospital Swimming Sports held at the Bath Club, and the Guy's team was successful in winning a very handsome Silver Challenge Cup presented by Sir Alfred and Lady Fripp, to be competed for each year by the nurses in the various hospitals.

The Annual Swimming Gala, in the Nurses' Home, took place on October 12th. Lady Fripp has given a Silver Challenge Cup, to be competed for each year, and the nurse who gains 65 per cent. marks for diving and style is to have her name engraved upon the cup. This year it is held by Nurse Garland.

The Dramatic Society has been very energetic, and the Photographic Society gave a Lantern Lecture in February; both have made a collection for the new tennis court.

With regard to the Needlework and Photographic Exhibitions, Mrs. Burgwin (who kindly acted as judge of the Needlework), again reported that the standard of the work shown was very high, and she had great difficulty in awarding the prizes. There were a large number of entries for the Photographic Exhibition; and Mr. Hollyer, who again kindly acted as judge, gave much useful advice and criticism.

The report concluded by recording, with much regret, the death of Miss Sarah Ellis, in January of pneumonia following influenza. She entered Guy's Hospital in 1888; joined the Private Nurses' Staff in 1894; and retired in March, 1919.

Financial Report.

The balance sheet showed that the finances were in a healthy condition, the income for the year amounting to £560 15s. 9d., and the expenditure to £513 19s. 8d. With the amount carried forward from the previous year there was a balance in hand of £122 20s. 5d. Miss Hogg pointed out in conclusion that they would have to work as economically as possible during the coming year as the new court would cost about £250.

The adoption of the Report, including the Financial Report, was moved by Dame Sarah Swift, seconded by Miss Haughton, and carried unanimously.

Members of Council for the Ensuing Year.

The result of the ballot for members of the Council for the ensuing year was then announced by Miss Smith, as follows:—

Choral Section.—Sister Evelyn (Miss Johnson); Nurse Cornwall. *Swimming Section.*—Sister Mildred (Miss Hughes); Nurse Garland. *Tennis Section.*—Sister Grace (Miss Mannell) re-elected; Nurse Stubbs. *Garden Section.*—Sister Ann (Miss Robins); Nurse Parker (re-elected). *Needlework Section.*—Sister Luke (Miss Wilson) re-elected; Nurse Buchanan. *Photographic Section.*—Sister

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