

community." More thanks from the Delegates, toasts, and the Danish National Anthem. The party broke up at 12 o'clock, and the following day farewell was said to kind Danish friends with the greatest regret. Our representatives arrived in London on Sunday evening, having thoroughly realised Mrs. Tscherning's ideal for them, of a pleasurable and profitable time.

THE MATRONS' COUNCIL.

A very interesting gathering is expected at the Matrons' Council Meeting on June 9th, at 194, Queen's Gate. The Copenhagen Delegates will speak, and as they were delighted with their reception in Denmark, no doubt they will have many nice things to tell us.

LEAGUE NEWS.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The General Meeting of the League will be held in the Clinical Theatre at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on Saturday, July 8th, at 3 p.m., at which Miss H. L. Pearse, the Isla Stewart Delegate to the International Meeting at Copenhagen, will speak of the Conference. After the business the meeting will resolve itself into a social gathering in the Great Hall, where talented members of the nursing staff will entertain the members with music.

Miss Baines, the Hon. General Secretary, asks members to notify any change of address.

A session of lantern lectures will be held in the autumn, which sounds thrilling.

On October 3rd: "Zeebrugge," by Lt. Com. Collingwood Hughes.

October 10th: "The Navy at War," ditto.

October 17th: "The Royal City of Westminster and its Abbey," by Allen S. Walker.

Information from Miss Baines, at the Hospital.

ROYAL INFIRMARY, GLASGOW, NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, Nurses' League have invited Mrs. Bedford Fenwick to be present at the Annual Re-Union on Tuesday, December 5th, and to take the chair as their guest-of-honour at the dinner. Mrs. Fenwick, who has accepted the invitation with much pleasure, will be the guest of the President of the League, Miss Steuart Donaldson, the Matron of the Royal Infirmary. Very general disappointment was felt at Copenhagen that Scotland was not represented at the meeting of the Grand Council of the International Council of Nurses, but we may hope before the Council is welcomed in Finland—a country of absorbing interest—Scottish nurses, who are so highly-qualified, will have read up the past history of the Council, and be eager to prove their kinship with the nurses of the world. Mrs. Strong, *doyenne* of Scottish Matrons, has been a great traveller, and believes in its mental stimulus.

Both Leagues are affiliated to the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland.

NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

By kind permission of Miss Marsters, a meeting of the London Branch of the N.U.T.N. was held at the Paddington District Nurses' Home. Miss Pye, Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur, gave a most interesting address on "Child Welfare Work in Austria," where she had worked for many months after the war. Miss Marsters very kindly gave refreshments, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close with social chat and a hearty vote of thanks to Miss Marsters for her hospitality, and to Miss Pye for her illuminating address.

At the Annual Council Meeting of the N.U.T.N., held during May, at 46, Marsham Street, by permission of Miss Carson (who very kindly lent a room for it), a resolution to send a message of sympathy to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick and her supporters on the General Nursing Council was passed unanimously. Much discussion took place with regard to the general situation of nursing at the present time, and Miss Pearse (the President) explained the matter very lucidly. Members from distant parts of the country were present, bringing the views of numbers of nurses who have to rely upon the Press for all information. One branch secretary pointed out that there was very strong feeling against the methods of the College of Nursing, Ltd., in the north of England; but as no other organisation appears to have entrée to the hospitals, it is difficult to place the other side of the question before a multitude of nurses. At the close of the meeting, tea was served, bringing the proceedings to an end.

SCIENCE NOTES.

THE LIMIT OF THE X-RAYS.

Professor O. W. Richardson, lecturing at the Royal Institution on Saturday last, on "The disappearing gap between the X-ray and ultra-violet Spectra," expressed the opinion that we might be nearing the limit of what is possible with the X-rays.

THE SEARCH FOR SPECIFIC REMEDIES IN DISEASE.

Dr. H. H. Dale, lecturing at the Royal Institution on "The Search for Specific Remedies in Disease," stated that the German chemical firm of Bayer had discovered a cure for sleeping sickness, even in its advanced stages. The curative substance, he said, which had a general resemblance in structure to dyes, was at present known as "Bayer 205."

One apparently hopeless case, Dr. Dale continued, of sleeping sickness in its advanced stages sent from the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine to Hamburg for treatment had been entirely cured, and the last heard of the patient was that he was returning to Africa, regarding himself as a perfectly sound man. The new cure had been made available in this country, and a commission of German doctors had left, with the permission of the Colonial Office, for Rhodesia to put the new remedy through searching tests.

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