

Matrons' Association were then meeting at St. Thomas' Hospital to decide upon nominees for every seat. But those who stood for the progressive interests must not stand as the nominees of any Society or group of nurses, but as representatives of the whole profession pledged to do their utmost for the profession as a whole, and for the public. She impressed upon the meeting that the General Nursing Council was not only an Educational but a Disciplinary body, and it was therefore important that it should include independent Registered Nurses who were not under the economic control of the laity. She felt sure the meeting would rejoice to know that amongst those who had already decided to stand for election on the independent ticket were Miss Heather-Bigg, Miss Helen Pearse, Miss Marsters, Miss A. Cattell, Miss M. MacCallum, Mr. Tom Christian (Chief Charge Nurse, Banstead Mental Hospital), Male Mental Nurses, Miss S. A. Villiers (Fever Nurses), and Miss A. M. Bushby (Sick Children's Nurses).

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Committee of the Hospital and to Miss Reynolds Hale, for inviting the Council to meet at their beautiful hospital.

Miss Hale, in returning thanks, said that the Committee had expressed pleasure at the Matrons' Council wishing to visit their hospital, and the Chairman regretted he was unable to be present to welcome them.

#### THE HOSPITAL.

Before tea the Members of the Council had an opportunity of seeing the hospital, which we always think one of the most charming in London. There is welcome in the cheery fire burning in the entrance hall, the dado of blue tiles in the passages has a charming effect, and the wards with quilts of a deep blue colour, with white borders, both unusual and effective, are very cheery and the pink of neatness and cleanliness. Great admiration was expressed for the panels of coloured glass commemorating the endowed beds, an immense improvement on the usual brass tablet. St. Ziska, the patron Saint of domestic servants, carrying loaves of bread, is specially charming, and it is interesting to learn that the £1,000 necessary to endow the domestic servants' bed was collected by "Janet," for so many years one of the pillars of the house when the hospital was known by the name of the New Hospital for Women.

A feature of the hospital, which it shares with the General Hospital, Nottingham, and the Miller Hospital, Greenwich, is the block of round wards. The drawback to these wards is that owing to the central stoves all the beds cannot be under observation at the same time. The up-to-date operating theatre and the private wards are departments of which the hospital may well be proud. We were introduced to two charming babies who, with their mothers, were sole occupants of a small ward, one a little "Cæsar" seemed none the worse for his unusual mode of entrance into the world, and his mother also was smiling and happy

The large out-patient department provides for both medical and surgical cases, and we were interested to see a beautiful little mortuary, for we can remember the time, now many years ago, when the only mortuary was the post mortem room.

The Nurses' Home is separate from the hospital, and a peep into some of the rooms showed that cosiness, comfort and taste were the prevailing notes.

When the Members of the Council returned to the Board Room they found that little tables had been arranged at which they could comfortably have tea, and enjoy the many dainties provided, while Sisters and Nurses dispensed tea from a buffet in the entrance hall, the arrangements being characterised by that quietness and dexterity for which Miss Hale is renowned.

After tea the Members of the Council greatly enjoyed the songs, most effectively rendered by Miss Aitken, the Resident House Physician, and the recitation of Sir Henry Newbolt's poem, "He fell among Thieves" delivered with great feeling and perfect elocution by the very charming Secretary of the Hospital, Miss Imogen Murphy, whose courtesy and kindness added greatly to the enjoyment of an afternoon which, by common consent, was voted to be one of the most enjoyable ever spent by the Matrons' Council. M. B.

#### APPOINTMENTS.

##### NIGHT SISTER.

**Wrexham Infirmary.**—Miss Helen Francis has been appointed Night Sister. She was trained at the Royal Infirmary, Manchester, where she subsequently held the position of Sister. She has held the position of Sister at the County Hospital, Hertford, and at the West Suffolk Hospital, Ipswich.

**Erdington House, Birmingham.**—The following ladies have been appointed Night Sisters:—

(1) Miss Ethel Rawson, trained at Bagthorpe Infirmary, Nottingham. She has held the following positions: Ward Sister, Leeds City Hospital; Night Sister, Killingbeck Sanatorium; Nursing Sister (Military), Q.A.I.M.N.S. (Res.), and Ministry of Pensions, Maghull, Liverpool; and Assistant Matron, Monyhull Colony, Birmingham.

(2) Miss Frances E. Mawtus, trained at Brownlow Hill Inf., Liverpool. She has held the following positions: Staff Nurse, Derby Isolation Hospital; Sister, Second Western General Hospital, Manchester; Night Superintendent, Chesterfield Infirmary; Deputy Lady Superintendent, Loughborough College; and Superintendent Nurse, Chesterfield Infirmary.

##### SISTER TUTOR.

**General Infirmary, Leeds.**—Miss Lucy Duff Grant has been appointed Sister Tutor. She was trained at St. Thomas Hospital, London, where she gained a Nightingale Scholarship, and holds the Sister-Tutors' Certificate of King's College for Women, London.

##### SISTER.

**Poor Law Hospital, Dudley.**—Miss E. Bavin has been appointed Sister. She was trained at the Middlesbrough Union Infirmary, and has been Charge Nurse at Hayhead's Infirmary, Bishop's Stortford.

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