

LEAGUE NEWS.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL
NURSES LEAGUE.

The winter General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held in the Clinical Theatre, on Saturday, December 2nd, the President, Miss Helen Todd, being in the Chair.

Arising out of the minutes, the President said that Miss Baines was still open to receive offers of hospitality for guests during the Commemoration of the Hospital's 800th Anniversary from members of the League.

On the proposition of the Chairman, it was unanimously agreed to send a vote of condolence to Lady Norman Moore on the death of Sir Norman Moore, who at one time had been closely associated with the nursing staff both as lecturer to them and physician in charge of their health.

It was also agreed to write to Miss Mabel Sleigh and express the great regret of the League at the dangerous illness of her sister (known to many Bart.'s Nurses as formerly Sister President).

A letter was read from Mr. Cross expressing sincere appreciation of the expression of sympathy sent to him by the League on the death of his father, who was Clerk to the Governors for so many years. His father had a deep affection for the hospital, and was jealous of the interests of its nurses.

The next business on the Agenda was the appointment of a Sub-Editor. The President said that this was really the province of the Executive, and Sister Mary (Miss Kennedy) and Sister Casualty (Miss Duke) had kindly consented to act conjointly, and were already doing so.

Mrs. Hayward then proposed that the League should make a definite present to the Hospital on the occasion of its 800th anniversary. Children were accustomed to make presents to their parents on their birthdays, and she thought many members of the League regarded the Hospital in that light, and if they were circularised she thought many would be willing to give or collect money. It might be devoted to the new Nurses' Home; gifts of linen might be made, or furnishing of some part be undertaken, or a gift of money might be presented.

The President thought the idea a good one, and invited opinions upon it.

Lady Baddeley did not think the Needlework Guild would want linen to be given, unless the money to purchase it were sent to the Guild. She suggested that the money subscribed should be used for the patients and given to the Steward for the Samaritan Fund, or to provide clothing for patients.

Mrs. Walter Spencer did not consider the suggestions made satisfactory. Whatever was decided upon should be of a permanent character. The League had already done a great deal in connection with the Home; perhaps a sum of money could be raised to found a bed.

The President thought perhaps a field could be obtained for nurses' recreation.

Mrs. Lancelot Andrews favoured the idea of a bed or cot, and Miss Villiers and Miss Watt having spoken, it was agreed to ask Mrs. Hayward to form a small Committee to draw up a circular inviting members of the League to raise the money to endow a bed or a cot.

A suggestion made by Mrs. Walter Spencer was received with acclamation, that instead of having tea after the Summer Meeting, the League should have a dinner, at which there might be guests of honour, such as Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, who had won the Nurses' Registration Act, and Lady Baddeley, and to which members could invite guests.

The business meeting then concluded, and Dr. Justina Wilson gave a most interesting and illuminating address on Physio-therapy in Cardiac Conditions, showing how by means of the electro-cardiograph and modern scientific inventions conditions could be ascertained with precision, and decisions arrived at as to whether they were grave or otherwise, which could not be accurately diagnosed in any other way.

After the lecture the members adjourned to the Great Hall, where tea was served at small tables, and charming music provided by members of the Nursing Staff.

LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY.

A past and present Nurses' League is in formation. The addresses of many old nurses are unknown, therefore, any who are interested and would like to join are asked to write to the Secretary, The Nurses' League, The General Infirmary, Leeds; and also to give the addresses of other old Leeds nurses whom they know. An annual subscription of half-a-crown has been suggested. More particulars will be given on application.

The present nurses of the Leeds General Infirmary are now working for a bazaar, which they propose to hold in April to help to raise the funds of the hospital with the object of building a much-needed extension of the Nurses' Home. The present accommodation is inadequate and greatly interferes with the comfort of the staff. Will old nurses kindly help the present and future nurses of their training school?

Gifts or donations, however small, will be greatly appreciated.

HONOURS FOR NURSES.

Miss Edith Mawe, now a resident in Bournemouth, was decorated last week in London with a medal from the King of the Belgians, "Les Palmes en or de l'ordre de la Couronne," for distinguished nursing services to the wounded Belgian soldiers during the war. This beautiful decoration is of the highest order, giving distinction to the recipient. Miss Mawe also carries a medal from the Queen of the Belgians with the Red Cross, "La Medaille de la Reine Elisabeth avec Croix Rouge," for her devoted nursing services to the sick and wounded Belgian soldiers.

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