

LEAGUE NEWS.

GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' REUNION DINNER.

The Trades House, Glassford Street, Glasgow, was chosen as the scene of the G.R.I. Nurses' Reunion Dinner on December 7th, and the beautiful Hall, recently redecorated, lent brilliance and lustre to the gay scene. Half panelled in glowing mahogany, in contrast to the brilliant tone of the emerald-green walls and mouldings of gold and white, the dome finely decorated with the arms of the City's Trades, no more appropriate place could have been selected for the Nurses' League Reunion. The guests, to the number of 200, met in the reception room at 7.45. Mrs. Strong, becomingly dressed in rich black brocade and delicate Honiton lace, was led to the Chair by James Macfarlane, Esq., D.L., LL.D., the Chairman of the Board of Management, and presided, with charming dignity, over a delightful function. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the Guest of Honour, was seated on her right and Miss Steuart Donaldson, President of the League, next to Dr. Macfarlane on the left, and supporting Mrs. Strong at the high table, which was gaily decorated with cherry-coloured carnations and asparagus fern, were: Mr. James Craig (Chairman of the House Committee), Dr. Barlow, Dr. James Adams, Mr. J. H. Pringle, M.B., W. K. Hunter, Esq., M.D., D.Sc., Mrs. Balmain, Lady Dunlop and Miss Muirhead (Ladies' Committee). Beautiful sprays of roses and carnations were presented to Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Bedford Fenwick by the G.R.I. Nurses' League.

Letters and telegrams of apology were read from Miss Melrose, R.R.C., and from many friends, but amongst those present were former nurses who had come from London, Liverpool, and other distant places in England and Scotland, to support their Alma Mater. Much regret was expressed at the absence through indisposition of Miss Williamson, the popular Assistant Matron, who had taken so active a part in securing the success of the Dinner.

A telegram of good wishes and regret at her absence was dispatched to Miss Melrose, R.R.C. amidst great applause.

The Menu.

During the serving of a delicious menu it was evident that all present were in the gayest spirits, and the scene in the hall resembled a bright, *parterre* of flowers, dainty gowns of every colour, and smiling faces making a charming picture.

THE TOASTS.

The King.

The toast of "The King" was duly honoured.

The Royal Infirmary.

DR. BARLOW, in rising to propose the Toast of "The Royal Infirmary," expressed his great pleasure in being present, and also his pride at being singled out for this honour. His connection

with the Royal Infirmary had extended over a long number of years—since 1870—a fairly long time even in the history of the Infirmary. He made particular reference to Lord Lister and how Glasgow claims him as her own. The need for the radical change Lord Lister wrought in surgery was first borne in upon him while in the Royal Infirmary, and he never faltered until slowly but surely the principles of antiseptic treatment of wounds were established. The work of Lister in the Royal Infirmary had been a powerful and persistent stimulus to all workers in the art of healing. Dr. Barlow urged the nurses and doctors to prove themselves worthy of their great heritage.

Continuing, Dr. Barlow coupled the Toast of the G.R.I. with the name of Dr. James Macfarlane, Chairman of the Board of Managers, of whom he spoke with very great regard. For eight years he has held the position of Chairman, and is held in the highest esteem by all who come in contact with him.

DR. MACFARLANE, in replying, was keenly appreciative of the words spoken by Dr. Barlow about him, and went on to say that the Nurses ought to look to the present and the future. His quotation that "young men see visions and old men dream dreams" was very apt, for it was important for society that there should be the old men dreaming dreams, but it was more important that we should have the young men to see the visions. On looking over the years as far back as he could remember, the constant and steady progress attained by the Royal Infirmary had been marked, and he added that we all realised that there could be no finality here. The growth of the Royal Infirmary within the last generation would have surpassed even the imagination of a Lister. He outlined a scheme in course of construction which would supply a long-felt want in Glasgow, i.e., the building of a Nursing Home for people who were just above being patients in the Royal, Western, or Victoria Infirmaries, and yet could not rise to the charges of the West End Nursing Homes. In concluding, Dr. Macfarlane thanked everyone present for the manner in which they had received the Toast.

The G.R.I. Nurses' League.

MR. JAMES CRAIG, in proposing the Toast of the G.R.I. Nurses' League, said that but for the fact that the toast which immediately preceded it was that of the grand old "Royal," he would have considered that this was the toast of the evening. He referred to the Inaugural Dinner at which he had been present, and he recalled that it was then decided that it should take the form of an annual gathering, and this fact he commended. Mr. Craig spoke of various Leagues that had been formed by man from the earliest days since that union formed in the Garden of Eden, and later, when men found the need for an alliance for mutual protection. Through the years, Leagues were really found to be necessary for the promotion of some most desirable object. Where would Scotland herself be to-day without Union? The League of Nations had been formed to stop all further wars. The

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