

## LEAGUE NEWS.

## GLASGOW ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

(Affiliated to the National Council of Trained Nurses of Great Britain and Ireland.)

The Annual Summer Reunion of the G.R.I. Nurses' League was held at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, on Tuesday, June 19th, and marked still further progress in the growth of the League.

The Gathering, which was a large and representative one, including nurses of every generation, was held in the Sitting Room of the Nurses' Home, a delightful Reception Room, spacious yet cosy, decorated with exquisite rose-coloured sweet peas, blue irises and white ox-eyed daisies, which blended most artistically with the chintz chair covers and handsome rugs on the polished floor. Tiny tea tables were dotted about the room, and fragrant tea and a variety of the delicious sandwiches and cakes for which the Royal Infirmary kitchen is famous, were dispensed by trim, deft maids, whose faces and dignified, noiseless movements dispelled any fears as to the result of the Domestic Servant Enquiry as far as Glasgow Royal Infirmary is concerned.

The guests were received by Miss Donaldson, President of the League, and the Committee, and among the first to arrive was Mrs. Strong, Matron of the Royal Infirmary from 1879—1885 and 1891—1907.

At 4 p.m. a delightful and inspiring address on the aims of the League was given by Miss Donaldson. She reminded the members that, though only 18 months old, the League's growth had been steady, and that to-day there were 334 members. "Our Scottish temperament is slow to embrace new ideas, but, finding they are good, we apply ourselves to working them out with all the grit of our rugged characters." She appealed for still further enthusiasm in getting into touch with past "Royal" Nurses, and for "copy" for the Journal to be published in the autumn.

At the close of her address Miss Donaldson paid an eloquent tribute to the noble life and work of Princess Christian and to all that she had done for the Nursing Profession, and the meeting carried, by upstanding vote, a Resolution of grateful reverence.

Mrs. Strong, in a happy speech, endorsed all that Miss Donaldson had said, and asked the Meeting to thank her for the love and interest she had put into her work for the League. This was carried with acclamation.

After some further discussion it was decided to proceed with the plan of raising funds to endow a Cot in the Infirmary, to be called the G.R.I. Nurses' League Cot.

The meeting over, the company broke up into little groups, some of whom visited the Infirmary, while others continued the happy reminiscences with which the afternoon had begun.

It was a moving and inspiring sight to see a number of the young nurses who had left their Training School only a few months ago joining enthusiastically with those whose labours are well nigh over in laying plans for the generation yet to come.

Long life to the G.R.I. Nurses' League.

## THE ISLEWORTH NURSES' LEAGUE.

On July 7th the Annual Garden Party of the Isleworth Nurses' League will be held in the grounds of the West Middlesex Hospital, when the Matron will be pleased to welcome any former nurses and their friends from 3 to 7 p.m. These gatherings of nurses at the hospital at which they were trained, and which they usually hold in great affection, are most popular reunions, and are a very effective means of maintaining the *esprit de corps* of the Training Schools.

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Although I have been a member of the N.M.L. since its very beginning in 1903, it has never been my privilege to spend a holiday in "Camp" until this year. What a happy season it has been, meeting old friends and making new ones—all in some branch of nursing—either doing the work of the poor "pro.," who is at everybody's beck and call; doing the "daily round, the common task"; or in more responsible positions at home or abroad. Sandsend is on the Yorkshire coast, three miles from the interesting old town of Whitby and not far from Scarborough. The bathing facilities are excellent. Normanby House, where we are quartered, is "Liberty Hall" in the truest sense of the word, and is situated on the fringe of the beautiful woods of Lord Normanby's estate, where we have permission to roam at will.

Each day something nice is planned for our pleasure, either a picnic or a little tour by moorland and lakeland, or tea on the cliffs. Our appetites are enormous, and we are very happy *en famille*. After tea, perhaps, Miss Richardson reads us some interesting letters from missionary nurses in China or India, accompanied by the lullaby of the sea. Some of the missionary nurses from these places are with us now, and we have had some nice talks. Then, who among us will ever forget the quiet, helpful talks on things spiritual, or the study circles, or the inspiring address by Dr. Ida Scudder from Vellore, India, on the wonderful work being done there? Especially do we hear the cry, "Come over and help us," in the lot of the child widow and the temple child. All this should inspire us anew to dedicate our lives to His service, whether in this or in other lands, so that others may be attracted to Him Who is the altogether lovely, and His Kingdom hastened.

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