

LEAGUE NEWS.

The current issue of *League News*, which constitutes the Annual Report, including the names and addresses of the Members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, and is a delightful link with Bart.'s nurses all over the world, is naturally triumphant in tone, as its Nursing School took an active part in most of the Octocentenary Functions, and naturally recalled with pride that there were Nursing Sisters as well as Brothers for years before a medical staff was evolved and attached. We have reported the success of the Nurses' financial appeal in aid of the hospital, and their presentation of a cheque for £1,000 to found a League Bed for the sick, and now *League News* reports that our President, Miss Helen Todd, has been made a Governor of the Hospital, and has been presented with a bronze Commemoration Medal. On July 7th the Sisters and Superintendents attended the Committee Room, when they each received from the Treasurer, Lord Stanmore, the medal.

Quotes of letters of congratulation from members are inserted from Europe, Asia, Africa, Canada, South America, many of the United States of America, India, and the Federated Malay States.

The following little poem quoted from *League News* will find an echo in many hearts:—

St. Bartholomew's Hospital Octocentenary.

FROM AN OLD BART.'S NURSE.

Eight hundred years have passed across thy head
 Since Rahere first thy doors flung open wide,
 Which ne'er have closed: and may they thus abide
 When generations yet unborn are dead.
 Dear Bart.'s, though far away across the seas,
 You are a cherished memory to me;
 And on this joyous day I send to thee
 Blessings and wishes; but still more than these,
 Deep gratitude for all that thou has taught:
 Knowledge, and loyalty, and self-control.
 Thy sons and daughters never will forget
 Thy grey old walls, the fountain and the Square.
 Around the Seven Seas from Pole to Pole
 Are found thy children. Great to thee our debt;
 Heartfelt the greetings which to-day we bear.

MADELEINE COOPER

Lahore, India.

(M. B. Davies, 1903-1907).

To Miss E. Bryan falls the honour of commemorating our dear Founder.

"LEST WE FORGET"—

This is a momentous year for our Hospital, and the *League News* cannot run short of "copy," but I venture to hope that these few words *re* our Founder will not be crowded out.

The historic events of June, which, as I write, we are anticipating, will recall to many of us memories of "Isla Stewart," and thoughts of what those events would have meant to her—notably the building of the first instalment of the new Nurses' Home. But it is only just a little message from her I want here to pass on—imaginary—fantastic, perhaps, to some, but real to us.

I am living not far from where our Founder passed from the adventure of this life to the greater adventure of the life beyond, and I made a pilgrimage to the house in which the event took place.

Sad memories were crowded out by the beauty of the spot—the sun shining on radiant gorse, the birds singing—and I thought of the peace which must have fallen on her when, from the turmoil of the city and the burden of her work, she emerged to this beautiful country.

The house lies in a fork between two lanes with a triangular piece of grass in front, and as I stood and thought of her I suddenly found in the grass an isolated and exceedingly beautiful bloom of forget-me-not, and this is the message I felt she sent to me, and which I pass on to you.

The Isla Stewart Memorial Fund is being carefully conserved, so that a member of the League may have at her disposal financial aid to enjoy that most educative mental uplift of meeting, in International Conference, colleagues from all over the world when the opportunity next presents itself.

No member of the League can have read Miss M. Breay's brilliant Report of the recent Nursing Conference at Copenhagen without realising how important it is for the status of British Nurses that they should take part in these gatherings, and without experiencing a thrill of pride that the Report was written by a member of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses, and one who, by the by, not only does the work, but generously does it gratuitously.

NURSING AND NURSING EDUCATION IN THE UNITED STATES.

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Conclusion 4 of the Rockefeller Committee on Nursing and Nursing Education in the United States, is: "That steps should be taken through State legislation for the definition and licensure of a subsidiary grade of nursing service, the subsidiary type of worker to serve under practising physicians in the care of mild and chronic illness, and convalescence, and possibly to assist under the direction of the trained nurse in certain phases of hospital and visiting nursing."

This is a conclusion which has aroused considerable criticism, and, lest it be thought that we are not conversant with the conditions in America which led to this recommendation, we quote that of Dr. Richard Olding Beard in the *American Journal of Nursing*. Dr. Beard writes:—

"At the outset of its discussion of this subject the Report suggests a difference of opinion among physicians upon this matter. It affects those who call for higher education, and those who advocate lesser training for the nurse. It does not suggest any division of judgment among nurses. Its recommendations upon this subject

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