

WEST MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL, ISLEWORTH.**Nurses' League.**

The Winter Reunion of Past and Present Nurses was held on Saturday, November 24th inst.

At 3 p.m. the guests began to arrive, and were received by the Matron in the spacious and cosy Nurses' Recreation room, which was tastefully decorated with evergreen and chrysanthemums for the occasion. Here tea was served from 3-5 p.m.

It was most enjoyable to watch the meetings between many old friends and hear their stories and interchange of experiences.

At 7 p.m. a dinner was served in the Nurses' Dining-hall, the tables being beautifully adorned with flowers and a sumptuous menu provided.

After dinner, dancing commenced, accompanied by an orchestra, and continued until midnight, when everybody voted the Reunion a great success.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Lady Ossulston presided over the second annual meeting of the Scottish Women's Hospital Association of the Royal Free Hospital, Gray's Inn Road, W.C., at the hospital, last Saturday. She announced that the Duchess of York had accepted the Presidency of the Association. It had been decided as a permanent war memorial of the Association to endow four beds in the hospital.

Lord Riddell said that the striking reduction in the infantile death rate was due in great measure to the improved obstetric measures that obtained in the hospitals. The advent of women doctors had, he believed, had a most beneficial effect on the work of obstetrics and the question of child welfare.

The endowment plate for the first of the four beds, to be called the British Macedonian Expeditionary Fund Bed, was presented to the hospital by General Sir George Milne and accepted by Mr. A. Langton, on behalf of the hospital.

At a special convocation of the University of Toronto the degree of Doctor of Science was conferred on Dr. Banting and Professor Macleod, to whom the Nobel Prize was awarded for the discovery of insulin.

The Mansion House Fund for the relief of sufferers by the earthquake in Japan was closed on the 30th ult. All outstanding collections and donations should be sent to the Lord Mayor. The Fund amounts to £257,800.

The London Hospital is getting on well with its "double" fund, and £40,000 has already been received. Needless to say, the hospital needs all it can get, and there would be great rejoicing if the whole £160,000 could be claimed.

Field-Marshal Lord Allenby has issued an appeal for the British Hospital at Port Said, and hopes to raise a fund of £50,000, partly to endow the hospital.

This hospital can in no way be considered as a local institution dependent upon local support. Those to whom it is of chief benefit are the passengers or sailors of the various mercantile marines of the world who are taken ill on board ship and landed for treatment at Port Said. The hospital is a pleasant building standing in a large garden, staffed by two fully qualified doctors, matron, and English nursing sisters, who give the best care possible to all patients, irrespective of their rank, religion, or race.

ELECTION OF REGISTERED NURSES IN IRISH FREE STATE.

A Notice of the Election of the nine nurse members to the General Nursing Council for the Irish Free State appears on page ii of cover. This Nursing Council will have full control over nursing affairs in the Free State, and every Registered Nurse should study its provisions and take an active part in nominating candidates, and voting for those of their colleagues, who pledge themselves to support self-government and a high standard of "prescribed" training.

COMING EVENTS.

December 7th.—Reception, Royal British Nurses Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. To meet Miss Reimann, Hon. Secretary, International Council of Nurses. 4 to 6 p.m.

December 7th.—Annual Reunion and Dinner, Nursing Staff, Royal Infirmary, Glasgow. Trades House, Glassford Street, Glasgow. Reception 6.45 p.m.; Dinner 7.45 p.m.

December 8th.—Royal British Nurses' Association, 194, Queen's Gate, S.W. Dramatic Performance by the Burnt Ash Dramatic Club. "Eliza Comes to Stay." 8 p.m.

December 11th.—Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund. Sale of Work. Royal British Nurses' Association Club. 194, Queen's Gate. 2 p.m.

December 12th.—First Meeting of Members of the United Nursing Services Club, Ltd. Chairman, Brigadier-General R. H. More, C.M.G., C.B.E.: 34, Cavendish Square, W.I. 3.15 p.m.

WORD FOR THE WEEK.

I have discovered in my work and study that a supervisor is not a *superior*, but a result of divided labour. She is an influence. She should be an inspiration; she should be a nourishment and the life of her nurses if she is to develop them. She must be stimulated to self activity.

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