

Miss Donald (on the Nursing Staff from 1896-1903) replying for the Past Nurses, said she could scarcely realise that they were back numbers, but they were there before the present "Royal" was built, and before a great number of those present were born.

"The Present Nurses," proposed by Dr. MacKenzie Anderson, who expressed the opinion that the present nurses were fulfilling the tradition and spirit of the old, knowing that they were building on a foundation truly laid by past generations of nurses. He thought the nurses of to-day could be congratulated not merely that they were being trained, but on the times in which they were training. A nurse, he said, could not read diseases without individual and sympathetic study of the patient.

Miss Glen Forsyth, in response, said she was sure that each nurse felt that the pleasure of becoming efficient was not entirely a personal one; it was larger and greater than that. It was one due to working under the influence of a common spirit, the spirit of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary, to which Institution every nurse trained there considered it an honour and privilege to belong. The present nurses, not forgetting the brilliant traditions of the past, which had been their incentive, felt in these very critical days of State Examinations that the future of their Training School rested on the shoulders of the present Nursing Staff.

"The Glasgow Royal Infirmary Nurses' League" was proposed by Mrs. Strong, who explained the meaning of the word "League," as a gathering of a number of people together for the accomplishment of a definite object. One practical outcome of the League had been to raise a sum of money for the endowment of a cot in the Royal Infirmary. The next she hoped would be the endeavour to raise money for building and endowing a separate department in the Hospital, where the theoretical part of the nurse's training could be conducted apart from the practical work of the wards. With the advent of Registration and State Examinations the expenses would be great, and there would be an uphill road before the present-day nurses. In conclusion, Mrs. Strong gave the nurses as a watchword the words "Be true to the best that is in thee."

Miss Margaret Fisher, who replied for the League, said that since last year its membership had steadily increased to 334, and that, in itself, was a testimony to its worth and success.

"The Health of the Chairman" was proposed by Miss J. B. Craig, who said it was only on an occasion such as this that the Nursing Staff had an opportunity of thanking Dr. Macfarlane for his many kindnesses.

Dr. Macfarlane, in replying, invited the League members to bear in mind the words of wisdom given them by Mrs. Strong.

Next week, owing to Christmas holidays, we go to press on Friday, instead of Wednesday. The JOURNAL will be on sale on Saturday morning.

THE HOSPITAL WORLD.

Princess Mary, Viscountess Lascelles, on Saturday afternoon, opened a model maternity and Child Welfare Centre in the Kingsland Road, which has been presented to the borough by the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. No more suitable locality could have been found for such a centre than the densely-crowded neighbourhood lying between Shoreditch Church and Dalston.

Her Royal Highness was received at the doors of the building by the Mayor of Shoreditch, Alderman A. T. Parry, and conducted to the vestibule where the members of the Maternity and Welfare Committee were presented to her.

The Earl of Elgin, Chairman of the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust, said that it had decided to promote the health of the community as one of the best ways of expending the money entrusted to it, and to offer six maternity centres to six boroughs. One at Motherwell in Scotland was opened at the beginning of the year, and those at Shoreditch and in Liverpool were being opened that day.

A grant of £30,000 was made for the Shoreditch Centre, and the borough had purchased the site for £6,000.

After declaring the building open, the Princess took tea with the members of the Committee.

Dr. James Macfarlane, the Chairman of the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, appeals in the Press for toys for many poor little suffering children in the Infirmary. Since last New Year's Day 2,180 children under 15 years of age have been treated in the Infirmary, and there are at present 129 under treatment in the wards. As the toys now sent have to serve not only for New Year's Day but for the whole of next year, it is hoped that contributions will be liberal. Toys may be sent to Miss Donaldson, the matron. Miss Donaldson will also be pleased to receive gifts of jam and other suitable preserves for the use of patients.

We have never seen before such lovely toy Bazaars in the shops, and to judge from the prices money must be plentiful. At Messrs. Garrould, in Edgware Road, there is a most fascinating assortment of toys and gifts to meet all tastes, and at most reasonable prices. Nurses who have to trim Christmas trees, and provide Christmas gifts in dozens, cannot do better than pay Messrs. Garrould a visit.

NOTIFICATION OF CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

This is to notify that the office of the Matron-in-Chief, Territorial Army Nursing Service, has moved from Imperial House to The War Office, Caxton House West, Tothill Street, Westminster, S.W.1.

The telephone number remains unchanged, viz., Victoria 8540.

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