

History of Nursing," generously given by Miss Lavinia Dock. This could not have been done without an enormous amount of voluntary help, or unless office room had been provided by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick at Headquarters.

It was felt that the Council was now so large that it was necessary to establish it in an office of its own with a full-time paid Secretary, and directly this was embarked upon expenses were, of course, enormously increased.

It was sometimes asked, "What is the good of the International Council of Nurses?" One great good to the affiliated countries throughout the world was that it placed "the wisdom and the experience of each at the service of all."

The President then announced the result of the ballot as to the election of four members to the Executive Committee in place of the retiring members, the new members being Dame Anne Beadsmore Smith, Miss Honor MacCormac (Sister Matthew), Miss H. Margaret Smith (late Sister Martha), and Miss Bartle (certificated nurse in the hospital).

After a vote of thanks to the Chair, the members adjourned to the Great Hall, where friends were waiting and tea was served.

The Sale cleverly organised on behalf of the Funds of the International and National Councils of Nurses, and the Benevolent Fund of the League, was a great success, and the tables were soon almost bare. We learn that it realized over £50, and that there is still a little more to roll in. Miss Tanner, Miss MacCheane and a friend added much to the pleasure of the afternoon with their delightful music.

LEEDS GENERAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The inaugural Meeting of the Leeds General Infirmary Past and Present Nurses' League which was held last year was such a huge success that there were few anxious feelings concerning the Re-union this year which was held at the Infirmary on Saturday, June 19th.

Not for many years (more than one cared to remember) had we seen our dearly beloved late Matron—Miss Fisher (Mrs. Anderson)—and for a good number of Members neither travel difficulties nor expense were allowed to prevent them from meeting her once again. We were delighted to see her looking so well, and one realised Faust's dream of youth was no mythical illusion.

Mrs. Anderson was presented by the Sisters with a bouquet of pink carnations, and Matron (Miss Innes, R.R.C., D.N.) was given a bouquet of pink roses.

Ward 7, where the reception was held, had been converted into a delightful drawing room, in loyal colours of red, white and blue flowers; the atmosphere being indeed fitting for such an occasion. After Mrs. Anderson and Matron had received the Members, conversation was stimulated by a delightful tea accompanied by music. Once again the hum of conversation proved the fascination of renewed friendships.

For many years we had waited and hoped for the time when we should possess our own Badge, the hall-mark of efficiency, the proof that we had attained to the professional standard set by our Training School; and at last, through the untiring efforts of our energetic Matron, the Badges were to be given to us. It was a very interesting and happy ceremony, when after tea, Mrs. Anderson presented these to the eighty-seven Members present.

The Secretary's Report showed an increase of fifty new Members during the year and the success of the League has proved its demand to be amply justified.

It is a bond of union for Members of our Training School and will help them to realise that they are not mere isolated units, but members of a profession whose interests and whose honour they are bound to uphold.

The honours obtained by the numerous Sisters trained at their Alma Mater do credit to the Leeds General Infirmary and should act as an inspiration to those following after, for that which has been obtained in the past is also attainable in the future. Let us not rest on our laurels but remember that satisfaction is the death of ambition and that there "are fresh fields and pastures new."

E. HEBBLETHWAITE,

Hon. Secretary.

Leeds General Infirmary Nurses' League.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

The College of Nursing, Ltd., held its Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 24th, in the Lecture Hall of the College building, the Hon. Sir Arthur Stanley (Chairman) presiding. In moving the adoption of the Annual Report, he referred to the appointment of Miss Musson as Chairman of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales, and remarked that he did not know why a man should have been appointed in the first place, but felt sure that Miss Musson would prove that the Council might just as well have had a Registered Nurse as its Chairman from the beginning.

In reply to a question from Miss Gertrude Best as to whether he could give the members any information about the British College of Nurses, Sir Arthur said he had no idea of the names of the Trustees or of the Donor, nor whether the Donor knew that a College already existed which fulfilled all the aims of the "British College," excepting the diploma and the robed Councillors. He thought the Donor could hardly know the facts of the case, or he would realize it was a great pity to start a rival body. They had nothing to fear from such a body, but he did not hesitate to express his personal regret at its establishment, when so much required to be done in other ways to help the Nursing Profession financially.

We regret that Sir Arthur Stanley should misguide the members of the College of Nursing, Ltd. We do not recognise any reason for rivalry between the two Colleges. The British College of Nurses is a professional body, composed of and governed by a Council of Registered Nurses, and the College of Nursing, Ltd., is *not* a professional body. It is an Institution of lay, medical and nurse members, upon the Council of which it is not compulsory that one nurse should have a seat, and almost entire Executive power is in the hands of unprofessional persons.

In this connection also it is interesting to note the point of view expressed by Lord Haldane in the House of Lords in the course of the Debate on the Second Reading of the University of London Bill. Lord Haldane said:—"Here was the greatest city in the world without a properly organised teaching university. It was strange that it should be so, and in no other country that he knew would it have been likely to continue so long. But the position was not so bad as it looked, because, although up to now we had had no university, we had had growing up the most remarkable number of colleges and college institutions probably the world had ever seen in such a small centre."

There have always been two schools of thought in the Nursing Profession, those willing to be governed, and those who claim the right, as all men's professions do, to govern themselves, and those who sympathise with the latter principle consider it not only their privilege but their duty to exercise professional responsibility.

NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF FINLAND.

Miss Astrom has been appointed President of the Nurses' Association of Finland, in succession to Baroness Mannerheim, who is no longer a Member of the Governing Body of the Association.

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