

Commonwealth—to prepare a worthy and dignified place for every child born to it.

Act of Dedication.

“In all reverence I dedicate this hospital to the service of this mountain people. The act of dedication will have consequences beyond all imagination. It will evoke responses along the many hundred miles of these mountain frontiers and among the millions of their people. The beacon lighted here to-day will find an answering flame wherever the human hearts are touched with the same divine pity. Far in the future, men and women, generation after generation, will arise to bless the name of the Frontier Nursing Service.”

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the above Association was held on June 27th at the Hospital, Coppetts Road, Muswell Hill, N.10, by kind invitation of Miss Irene Webb, the matron, and the Hospital Committee. Miss Villiers, the President, was in the chair. Letters of regret for absence were received from 29 members.

A very interesting discussion took place on the question of superannuation, and a resolution was passed that members of the Association be asked to write to their local Members of Parliament pressing for legislation on the lines of the Amendments to the 1922 Act.

The two delegates appointed to serve as representatives of the Association on the Grand Council were Miss Stewart Bryson and Miss Dorothea Webb.

Miss McLoughlin, Matron of the Isolation Hospital, East Ham, accepted nomination for the vacancy on the Executive Committee *vice* Miss Stevenson resigned.

After the business meeting a very delightful tea was served in the new Nurses' Home, the Mayor of Hornsey, the Medical Officer of Health for Finchley, and the Resident Medical Officer joining the party.

The Mayoress of Hornsey was unfortunately unable to attend owing to a family bereavement.

The members were then shown all over the buildings, and were very impressed with all they saw.

The new cubicle block was the especial centre of admiration, with the laundry and the staff homes running it very close.

The Hospital, which stands in beautiful grounds, serves three districts, that of Hornsey, Finchley and Wood Green, and at present has 134 beds, and is recognised as a complete training school for fever nurses.

The opinion formed by the visitors was that it was one of the most up-to-date that many had visited.

By the courtesy of Dr. Jamieson, a 'bus was available to conduct parties to and from Highgate Station and the hospital, and the members before leaving passed a very hearty vote of thanks to all concerned for a very pleasant and instructive visit.

The next meeting of the Association will be held by the courtesy of Miss Williamott, at the Borough Isolation Hospital, Derby.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Summer General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses took place at the hospital on Saturday, June 7th, when the President, Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., was in the Chair.

The illnesses of Miss Pote Hunt, Miss Vergette and Miss Elma Smith (warded in Darker) were reported and it was agreed to send messages of sympathy to them.

It was also reported that Miss Longley had resigned the position of Sister of Annie Zunz Ward for reasons of health.

The President moved a sincere vote of thanks to Lady Baddeley, the retiring Vice-President, for her services during her term of office. Miss E. M. Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., was elected as her successor.

Reports were then received from the Treasurer, the Secretary, the Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, and the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund.

It was reported that a gift of £50 had been sent to the Benevolent Fund by Lady Hampden Smith, and it was agreed, on the proposition of Miss Musson, that a vote of thanks should be sent to her with the love of the League.

The President also announced that she had been acquainted by the Governors that a gift of £500 had been made to the League by a friend in memory of the late Mr. Valentine Cluse.

It was to be known as the Valentine Cluse Fund, and would be applied under the direction of certain Governors in conjunction with the Matron.

The scrutineers of the Voting Papers for the election of four members to the Executive Committee, in the place of Miss Barnes, Miss Jacomb and Mrs. Wates, retiring, then announced the result; the newly elected members being Miss B. Cutler, Miss E. Thompson (Sister Surgery), Miss M. Appleyard and Miss F. E. Evans.

In thanking the retiring members of the Committee for their services the President made special reference to the valuable work of Mrs. Wates, not only now, but also in the early days of the League as its Hon. Secretary.

The President made an encouraging report as to the progress of the Isla Stewart Library, and also expressed the hope that the League would be represented at the International Congress of Nurses in Montreal next year.

The members then adjourned to the Great Hall, where, as usual, tea so bountifully provided was greatly enjoyed.

THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

A NURSES' HOLIDAY CAMP.

Glorious weather added much to the enjoyment of the very cheery party of campers at Sandsend (Yorkshire) early in July. Nurses gathered from near and far, some from responsible posts in hospital, on private staff or district, others from their training schools, while a few were on furlough from overseas. Those home from the East, accustomed to glaring sun and stretches of shadeless desert, found the green woods and meadows specially refreshing.

Restful lazy days were varied by jolly excursions to Kettlewell, Robin Hood's Bay, Whitby Abbey and Glaisdale. Picnics, bathing, tennis, rambles through the beautiful woods, long tramps over the health-giving moors, made the time pass all too quickly, and we only wished "camp" could last a month instead of a fortnight.

Letters read from members of the Nurses' Missionary League in the thick of work in far-away isolated outposts and understaffed hospitals overseas, giving thrilling accounts of their experiences, reminded us of the tremendous need for more recruits for the front, and the absent friends were often remembered in intercession.

The informal Bible Study circles, at which attendance was quite optional, the morning prayers and the evening talks were found helpful by all, and many received fresh vision and renewed courage for the work to which they were returning.

Our one regret was for the many nurses who were not sharing with us one of the best holidays we have ever had, in this unspoiled little village, one of the beauty spots of dear old England.

A MEMBER FROM OVERSEAS.

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