

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES OF GREAT BRITAIN.

The Nurses' Organisations have had a respite from their activities during the past few weeks, but are once again arranging their autumn programmes.

The meeting of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Nurses will be held on Tuesday, October 28th, to prepare for the Annual Meeting which is held in November. There is to be a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Council of Nurses at Headquarters in Geneva in July, 1931, so that any special business we wish presented for its consideration should be brought before our Annual Meeting.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The present issue of *League News*, the official organ of the League, is an excellent number, and must prove most useful in maintaining the *esprit de corps* of nurses trained in this splendid old hospital. The frontispiece, "Scene from the Unique Historical Pageant Play: The Acts of Rahere" and "Rahere Receiving the Charter" and the quotation "From the Poster" add greatly to the historic value of the *News*.

The League is once again busy with an Appeal Fund, on the present occasion to endow a bed in the new Surgical Block, to be named "The League Bed," and to this end subscriptions are being invited to be sent in by November 30th, 1930.

The great experience and devotion to duty of Sister Sitwell and Sister Matthew, who have resigned, will be greatly missed in the wards and the Nursing School. We wish them happy years of rest—if such busy people can find happiness in leisure—but in these days of the organisation of nurses as well as of nursing, we know a number of Matrons and Nurses, not in active work, who find time all too short for professional services.

THE INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association was held on Saturday, September 27th, at 3 p.m., at High Grove Sanatorium, East Grinstead.

After the delightful motor drive from East Grinstead station, we were received at the Sanatorium entrance by

the Matron, Miss J. T. Ruddy, and at once taken across the road to the Women's Institute, which had been kindly lent for the occasion, and where the meeting was held.

Miss S. A. Villiers, President, was in the chair, and there was a good attendance of matrons from various parts of the country.

An item of business which was discussed with interest was the Nomination Paper for the Hon. Officers of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, to which the Association is affiliated, and the following representative women were nominated:—

Vice-President, Miss A. Lloyd-Still, President of the Nightingale Fellowship—if she would consent to stand for election, or, as substitute, Miss M. Drakard, Member of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association; Miss H. L. Pearse and Miss A. M. Bushby, as Directors; Miss S. A. Villiers, President of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons'

Association, as Hon. Secretary; and Miss M. Breay, as Hon. Treasurer.

At the conclusion of the business an inspection of the Hospital followed—a most interesting one. It is built in a pine wood on the pavilion system, and counting the administrative quarters there are five blocks in all. The patients looked happy indeed as they lay on beds in verandahs of glass where the sun streamed through, and what views at every turn! A way to the Hastings range of hills and Ashdown Forest.

After a most delicious tea and refreshments, the

party was driven to see the grounds and gardens of Grave Tye, a lovely estate of glades of close trimmed turf, bounded by rare shrubs and spreading trees; herbaceous borders just a riot of colour were indeed a treat, and all felt when saying good-bye to our generous and charming hostess, Miss Ruddy, that they could not thank her enough for a most delightful afternoon.

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LEAGUE OF OLD MEMBERS.—NATIONAL UNION OF TRAINED NURSES.

A Social Meeting of old members was held by kind invitation of Lady Hermione Blackwood and Miss C. C. du Sautoy, at Beechy Cottage, Vale of Health, Hampstead, on Saturday, October 4th, from 3.30 to 6. It was a great pleasure to those present that Miss Eden came up for the occasion, and much admiration was expressed of the beautiful view of the Heath with the lake in the foreground.



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RAHERE RECEIVING THE CHARTER FROM KING HENRY I.

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