

lation, that the devoted women who cared for our destitute sick in the old days, themselves socially and professionally powerless, have now a lever in either hand by which to elevate their work. They are enfranchised citizens, and possess legal status under the Nurses' Registration Acts. With power comes responsibility, we wish them the moral courage to make the very best use of their great opportunities, promoted and won by dauntless pioneers.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

A General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses will be held in the Lecture Room of the Nurses' Home at the Hospital on Saturday, December 6th, at 3 p.m. Amongst the business transacted will be the reception of a Report from the Secretary of the Appeal Sub-Committee and to select a ward for the endowed League Bed, and to receive a Report from the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund Sub-Committee, with regard to the expenditure of the yearly interest. After the business meeting those present will adjourn for tea and a Sale of Work in the Sitting Rooms, the proceeds of the Sale being for the League Bed. Suitable gifts for Christmas presents will be on sale and members are asked to bring a gift and buy a gift. Gifts sent in advance should be sent by December 1st addressed to the Secretary (Miss Baines), League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.1.

THE NIGHTINGALE FELLOWSHIP.

The Winter General Meeting of the Nightingale Fellowship will be held at St. Thomas's Hospital on Friday, December 5th. At the conclusion of the business, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick will, by the invitation of the President, Miss Lloyd Still, and the Executive Committee, speak to the Members of the Fellowship on "The Formation and History of the International Council of Nurses and its Value to the Nursing Profession."

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE

The Autumn Meeting of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League was held at the Royal Infirmary on Friday, October 31st. After the business meeting, presided over by Miss Hughes, D.N., President, hon. members were admitted to hear an address given by Colonel Bond. There was a good attendance of members and nurses from the various local institutions. Colonel Bond, in comparing the nurse of the present day with her predecessors, said that nurses now had to work harder theoretically and pass more examinations, but spent less time in practical work, and in gaining actual experience in nursing. He thought that nurses looked better, not better-looking, but more healthy and less anæmic than some years back, and he congratulated Miss Hughes, Matron, in encouraging outside interests and physical exercise; he considered that sport as a means to an end was desirable. The nurse's health was of the utmost importance, for a nurse who was suffering from headaches or indigestion could not maintain an unruffled serenity and poise of character which created an atmosphere of confidence, so necessary for the well-being of patients. Nurses should not neglect, in the present-day rush of the wards, to take a personal interest in their patients—it was necessary not only to treat their bodies, but to study their mental outlook and reaction. In conclusion he thanked the nurses for all the help and assistance they had given him during his fifty odd years' connection with the Infirmary.

Miss Hughes read a Report of the past year's work, and the results of the Nursing Examinations. Mrs. Bond, J.P., then presented the medals and prizes to the successful nurses. She congratulated them on their successes and

extended her sympathy to the less successful, and said that the wives of the hon. medical staff also had a part to play in promoting the success of the work of the hospital. It was their business to care for the health and well-being of the doctors, and the smooth running of their households. This entailed the eating of many solitary meals, the placating of an irritated domestic staff to ensure hot meals for belated returns from hospital, the soothing of impatient patients and the impossibility of carrying out social engagements. Miss Pell Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Bond for her kindness in giving up her valuable time to come and present the prizes. She felt rather in the position of the man who, with all the good will in the world, found himself unable to repay his obligation to his friend, and wrote saying: "Please find enclosed P.O., for I am unable to do so!" She could not find words to express her feelings. This was seconded by Sister Colson. Mr. Pichard, Chairman of the Board of Governors, proposed a vote of thanks to Colonel Bond, and said he would like to take advantage of the only opportunity he had to express to the nursing staff the Board's appreciation of their services; this was seconded by Mr. Braithwaite, who said that he had the more pleasure in performing this duty, as he had personally received much encouragement and kindness from Colonel Bond. Both votes were carried with acclamation.

SCOTTISH MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The autumn meeting of the Scottish Matrons' Association was held on Saturday, October 4th, at the Royal Mental Hospital, Glasgow, by kind invitation of Miss Brodie.

Miss Gregory Smith, R.R.C., President, was in the chair.

The meeting was largely attended.

A discussion on "The Amalgamation of Hospitals and Combined Training" was led by Miss Brodie, and taken up by Miss Edmondson, Miss Davidson and several other members.

Miss Gregory Smith proposed a vote of thanks to the Directors and Dr. Henderson, Medical Superintendent, which Miss Brodie was asked to convey.

Miss Edmondson proposed a vote of thanks to Miss Smith for presiding over the meeting.

The members were entertained to tea, and the wards and various departments of the Hospital including the Occupational Therapy department were visited.

SCOTTISH NURSES' CLUB.

The Sale of Work held at the Scottish Nurses' Club, 205, Bath Street, Glasgow, was a great success. The object of the Sale was to raise sufficient money to convert large rooms into single bedrooms, for which there is always a great demand. Kind friends had sent flowers, fruit and vegetables and many useful articles.

Owing to illness, the Marchioness of Ailsa was unable to perform the opening ceremony, and her place was taken by Lady Dunlop. The sum aimed at—£200—was realised.

THE NEW ZEALAND TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

As we go to press we learn from *The New Zealand Nursing Journal* that the fate of the Nurses and Midwives Registration Act Amendment Bill is uncertain as it is still in Committee. The nursing profession in New Zealand as a body is entirely against any alteration to the present law under which it is governed, and the New Zealand Trained Nurses' Association has rallied all its forces to combat training of nurses in private hospitals. It still hopes that the representations made to the Committee by nurses and doctors against the proposal, which emanated from certain interested persons and institutions in Auckland, may prevail.

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