

on the 27th, as the meeting of the G.N.C. takes place on the 26th.

Miss Alexander (South Africa) goes to Geneva at an earlier date as she is attending a Conference on African Children.

Our American colleagues are beginning in good time to make arrangements for attending the Congress of the International Council of Nurses in Paris and Brussels, and a Transportation Committee has been nominated, of which Miss Florence M. Johnson has been appointed chairman.

MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The thirty-third Quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association will be held at St. Andrew's Hospital, Billing Road, Northampton, on Saturday, June 13th, at 2.30 p.m., preceded by a Meeting of the Executive Committee, at 2 p.m. We are asked to state that the Hon. Secretary, Miss M. Sewart, Holloway Sanatorium, Virginia Water, Surrey, will be glad to know in good time whether or not members intend to be present.

Trains for Northampton leave Euston at 9.30 a.m., 10.35 a.m., and 12 noon, and St. Pancras at 9.25 and 11.35 a.m.

LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

A General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital will be held in the Lecture Room of the Nurses' Home at the Hospital, on Saturday, July 4th, at 3 p.m. After the Business Meeting a Social Gathering will be held in the Great Hall. It is always a pleasure to the League Members to meet there, and their pride to show the beautiful Hall to their visitors on these occasions.

The bed for which the League has recently raised the endowment will be on view in Paget Ward.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick has preserved some of the rose-leaves, the ribbon, and inscription card of the lovely bouquet presented to her by the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, in commemoration of her "Barts" Jubilee, May 1st, 1881—May 1st, 1931.

These souvenirs will be added to other gifts greatly valued by her, and placed in the beautiful antique lace-box in which they repose in tissue paper.

THE GUY'S HOSPITAL PAST AND PRESENT NURSES' LEAGUE.

Just as our May JOURNAL went to press the Guy's Nurses' League held their annual meeting. Amongst the items included in the Annual Report presented by Miss E. E. P. MacManus, O.B.E., Matron of the Hospital and Hon. Secretary of the League, was the following:—

The piece of land adjoining below the tennis courts at the cottage has recently come into the market. The Governors are considering the advisability of purchasing this piece of land to be held by them on behalf of the Nurses' League if it could be obtained at a reasonable figure, in which case the Nurses' League would be required to pay interest on the purchase money. The Council of the League at their meeting on April 27th considered this matter, and decided that if the Governors were able to make the purchase of the land it would be a great advantage to the Nurses' League, and that they would be willing to pay interest on the purchase money. Although the ground is not immediately wanted for an extension to the cottage grounds, its purchase by Guy's Hospital would secure it against unsightly houses being built on it.

During the past year, the League has lost by death no less than eight past and two present members.

Miss Mary Nutt, O.B.E., R.R.C., in South Africa, where she was Acting Matron-in-Chief during the Great War; Mrs. Elsie Poolman (née Nisbet), who since her marriage devoted considerable time to the study of social welfare work, and was for many years a member of the Council of the Mothers' Union; Miss M. Jordan, who died from tuberculosis contracted during the War; Miss K. Brereton, O.B.E., R.R.C., J.P., who helped to organise the Imperial Yeomanry Hospitals in the South African War, and served on the Royal Commission to enquire into the management of the Concentration Camps; Miss Blanche Sleaf, one of the first members of the League; Miss Norah Boniface, who held various Sister's posts in the hospital; Miss Lucy G. Moberley, an indefatigable worker for the Ladies' Association, and a prolific writer of novels; Miss Jessie Lewin, who held various Sister's and Matron's appointments in Red Cross and Civil Hospitals, and died after a very long illness; and Miss Winifred F. Weeks, and Miss Kathleen M. Prichett, Nurses in training.

THE MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The First Annual General Meeting and Reunion of Past and Present Nurses will be held in the Nurses' Home on Wednesday, June 10th, at 3 p.m. The Lady Superintendent will be glad if those nurses who have not already made application to join the League will send the following particulars:—Name in full, address, dates of training, decorations and appointments. Tea will be served after the meeting and those hoping to attend are asked to notify the Lady Superintendent, Middlesex Hospital, London, N.1.

THE TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION OF INDIA.

We have received from the Trained Nurses Association of India its Handbook for 1931, a most interesting and well produced book of which the Association has every reason to be proud. We hope to review it in our next issue.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The chief event at the annual meeting of the Nurses' Missionary League, at University Hall, W.C., on May 8th, was the visit of the President (the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Blackburn), who gave an inspiring address, dwelling first on the value of the League to its widely scattered members throughout the world, and then sketching some of the problems and opportunities which confront this generation and particularly members of the nursing profession.

Interesting talks were given during the day by members from Overseas—Miss Simmonds, who described the work among patients and nurses at a hospital at Multan, N.W. India; Miss L. Smith, who told of her travels and experiences in various stations in China; and Miss Turvey, who had a wonderful story to tell of very successful work in a large leper colony in South Africa. A contrast to these addresses was given in the address of Miss Wood, who though neither a doctor nor a nurse, had been forced by circumstances to do quite a lot of medical work in Persia, because there had been no qualified person there to do it. Her talk was an eloquent challenge to nurses to go where the need is so great.

Throughout the day the motto was the words of the pioneer missionary, William Carey, "Attempt great things for God, expect great things from God." Speaker after speaker showed the things that are being attempted by N.M.L. members, in hospital branches in this country and in hospitals overseas; and Miss Turvey said, "When we expect great things from God, He always performs them."

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