

bearing the inscription "This bed is named by the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses in commemoration of the building of the surgical block, 1930."

The Social Gathering was held in the dignified environment of the Great Hall, always a joy to League Members, who were received by the President, and an hour passed happily, reviving and knitting up old friendships.

THE MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL NURSES' LEAGUE.

The First Annual General Meeting of the Middlesex Hospital Nurses' League was held on Wednesday, June 10th, at the Nurses' Home, Foley Street, W.1.

The Lady Superintendent, Miss D. M. Smith, presided at the meeting and warmly greeted 180 former Middlesex Nurses.

She opened the meeting by saying how delighted she and so many others were to have this opportunity of gathering together. She explained the object of the formation of the League, which is to bind together those nurses trained, or who have held appointments, in the Middlesex Hospital and to provide a Roll of Members.

The President quickly dealt with the business of the meeting, so giving the members time to have tea and meet one another in social intercourse.

There were many old friends to greet and so much to recall and relate. Actually some people had not met for 25 years.

It was pleasant to have two former matrons at the meeting: Miss Vernet, who left many years ago, and Miss Montgomery, who retired in 1928.

All the guests were most interested in the beautiful new Nurses' Home, the magnificent gift of an anonymous donor, and indeed envious when they saw the swimming bath, the garden gay with flowers, and the tennis court. The new West Wing was also visited by many, who then realised that the old Middlesex was completely altered, the last five years having seen its demolition and reconstruction. The new Middlesex was a proud and fitting successor to the old one, known and loved by all who trained there.

The afternoon passed quickly and happily, and everyone left looking forward to the next meeting.

The Lady Superintendent hopes that all Middlesex-trained nurses will join the League, and will be pleased to furnish any of them with full particulars.

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The Annual Meeting of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League was held on June 13th when a large gathering of Members assembled, including Misses G. A. Rogers, C. Vincent, R.R.C., Ellis, Sherlock, Bray, Steers, Browning, Mesdames Parkinson, Bolton Carter, and other loyal friends. The Chair was taken by the President, Miss Hughes, D.N., who gave a hearty welcome to the Members, and more specially to Miss Rogers and Miss Vincent, whom all were delighted to see. Apologies for absence were read from several old members, and messages of sympathy were sent to Miss J. W. Davies and Miss Pell Smith, who were both prevented from attending by ill-health.

It was decided that the Annual Subscription should be reduced to 3s. 6d. and that Life Membership at £4 4s. should be optional. A new By-Law was passed: "That the League Journal shall only be sent to Members after payment of current subscriptions."

At the conclusion of the business, Miss Hughes asked Miss Rogers to present a silver cup and prizes, which had been given for competition in needlework amongst the Nursing Staff. The Cup was won by Sister Colom, who was presented with a dainty replica. Mrs. Keay, who had kindly acted as judge, gave an appreciative criticism of

the exquisite stitchery of the exhibits, which were on view in the Nurses' Library.

The Social Gathering, with tea, always a delightful function, was held in the Nurses' Sitting-room, and the Hospital was thrown open to visitors.

FEVER NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Fever Nurses' Association was held on Friday, June 19th, at the College Farm of the Express Dairy Co., Ltd., at Church End, Finchley, when over 40 members attended. The chair was taken by Miss M. Drakard, of Plaistow Hospital, in the unavoidable absence of Miss Dorothea Webb, the President for the year. The twenty-second Annual Report was presented to the members and adopted. The Hon. Treasurer, as well as other members emphasised the need of the Matrons of fever hospitals encouraging their nurses to join the Association and thus help to increase its sphere of usefulness.

The Council for the year was elected, and after the usual votes of thanks were passed, Dr. Maude Horne proposed a resolution to be sent to the Ministry of Health that two years' Fever training and State Registration in fever nursing should be accepted equally with training in the nursing of sick children as a qualification for a Health Visitor.

After the business meeting was finished, members were entertained to tea by the kindness of the Express Dairy Co., to whom was accorded with acclamation, a vote of thanks for their hospitality. The members were then shown over the Farm which is one of the first model farms in England, and were also shown the various processes by which milk is prepared for infants, invalids, diabetics, etc.

NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE "CAMP."

By A Camp Member.

Forty-one members of the Nurses' Missionary League spent a very happy holiday at Sheringham, Norfolk, between June 6th and 20th. We were welcomed at the station by Miss Richardson, and from the first night there was a great bond of friendship and fellowship which grew deeper as time went on. There were no rules and regulations and each one was free to enjoy herself to the full exactly as she pleased. Some energetic people got up before breakfast to bathe, others went in later, and several had a second, and even a third dip. The sea was the poorer by all the water we swallowed! In the dining-room we had small tables, and it was understood that we should sit next different people at every meal, and thus we got to know the various members. Tea, "the nurse's friend," was very much to the fore. We were wakened by the cup that cheers and (whisper it not!) it appeared at every meal. The clerk of the weather was very kind, the few showers conveniently came when we were under cover, and although the first night our slumbers were disturbed by the earthquake, it fortunately caused no damage.

We had a delightful excursion to the Norfolk Broads, driving to Wroxham through avenues of trees and enjoying a trip in a motor launch, winding in and out between marsh lands dotted with yellow irises. The expedition ended with a scrumptious tea in a little shack near the water. Our next outing was to Sandringham. After an alfresco lunch in the woods, we wandered through the beautiful grounds and saw over the little church, and on the return drive, had tea on the beach at Hunstanton. Sheringham Woods, reached by bus or a circular walk of about four miles, attracted many of us; the exquisite colours of the rhododendrons suggesting the beauties of fairy land. Another drive was to Stody Woods with the wonderful water garden and to the Roman Camp for a "home-made" tea.

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