

NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

THE LEAGUE OF LONDON HOSPITAL NURSES.

The first annual gathering of the League of London Hospital Nurses (past and present workers) was held at the Hospital on June 24th and 25th.

The Garden Party, in connection with the Students' Prize Day, has always been well attended by former nurses as well as by members of the medical and surgical staff, and this made a happy beginning on Friday to the League celebrations.

Extremely popular items of the next day's programme were the two lectures at 10.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m. respectively. The first was by Miss Rose Simmonds, who gave a most lucid and interesting account of the development of the Dietary Department of the Hospital, and of the research work in metabolic defects that had been carried out there during the past ten years. The second was by Hugh Cairns, Esq., F.R.C.S., on Neuro-Cerebral Surgery. Mr. Cairns showed many interesting cases and emphasised the importance of the nurse's work in looking after the patients, especially the way in which she could help both patient and surgeon by trained and careful observation. The President of the League, the Matron, and many of the present staff attended, as well as about 100 past workers, and a very hearty vote of thanks was rendered to the lecturers on the spot.

The next item was a visit to the Electro-Cardiograph Department, where Dr. William Evans kindly explained points of interest.

An interval for lunch was followed by a large gathering of League members in the Hospital Church at 2.15 p.m. Here they were addressed by Bishop Bury, Assistant Bishop of London, and a short but inspiring service was held.

At 3 p.m. the business meeting, with an address by the President, took place in the Library of the Medical College. This was followed by Tea in the Nurses' Home and an interval for rest before the Dinner at 7 p.m. was then allowed to the apparently indefatigable company.

By kind permission of the Dean, the Dining Room of the College had been lent for the occasion, and at 7 p.m. a company of 217 seated themselves to the strains of a string quartette, who played during dinner and throughout the reception afterwards.

The Guests on either side of the President, Miss Monk, C.B.E., R.R.C., were Sir William Goschen, K.B.E., Chairman of the Hospital, Sir Ernest Morris, C.B.E., the late House Governor, Miss Paulin, who has done so much for the Nursing Staff of the Hospital, and Mr. Sully, the Auditor to the League.

The Toast of The King, proposed by the President, was drunk, and "God save the King" was sung. The Toast of the Queen, President of the Hospital, was then honoured. Dame Maud McCarthy, G.B.E., R.R.C., proposed "Our Training School," in a speech that touched all present, and the Toast was drunk with musical honours. It was responded to by the Matron, Miss Littleboy, A.R.R.C., whose reception was enthusiastic.

"The League of London Hospital Nurses" was proposed by Miss Reynolds for past workers and by Miss Simmonds for the present staff, and was responded to by the President of the League.

The Toast of "The Guests," proposed by Miss Valerie Graham, was responded to by Sir William Goschen in a speech of humour and seriousness mingled in an inimitable fashion. Sir Ernest Morris' few words then brought the Dinner to a close and the company adjourned to the Library for the Reception held for those who were unable to attend earlier.

MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The 38th Quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association will be held at The Durham County Mental Hospital, Winterton, Stockton-on-Tees, Co. Durham, by kind invitation of Dr. May and Miss Gardner, on Saturday, Sept. 3rd, 1932, at 2.30 p.m., preceded by a meeting of the Executive Committee at 2 p.m. Lunch will be served at the Hospital at 1 p.m. Will members intending to be present kindly inform the Hon. Secretary? Members needing accommodation should communicate with Miss M. Sewart, Hon. Secretary. Train leaving King's Cross at 7.25 a.m. arrives Darlington 1.53 p.m. Miss Gardner will arrange to have this train met if she knows of any members travelling by it.

THE 1930 FUND.

(For the benefit of Trained District Nurses.)

The 1930 Fund for the benefit of Trained District Nurses is the outcome of a most generous gift of £100,000 made some eighteen months ago by an anonymous donor, and augmented recently from the same source by a further £20,000. The Fund has been in full working order for little over a year, but already 387 completed applications and 110 further enquiries have been dealt with. Weekly grants averaging 10s. or 15s. have been made to 185 nurses, to many of whom also extra grants have been given for emergencies. In addition to this in 73 other cases grants have been made to meet some special need.

Those eligible for help from the Fund are (1) nurses on the Roll of the Queen's Institute of District Nursing, and (2) other fully qualified, *i.e.*, general hospital trained nurses who have been at some period wholly occupied in district nursing.

During the year ending 30th June, 1932, the income of the Fund has been £5,969 14s. 1d., and the total expenditure £5,345 1s. 1d., of which £4,773 os. 4d. has been given in relief and the remainder, £572 os. 9d., spent in administrative expenses.

The Chairman of the Trustees of the Fund is Sir Campbell Rhodes, C.B.E., the Honorary Treasurer Sir William Foot Mitchell, J.P., and the Chairman of the Ladies' Committee (formed by the ladies on the Board of Trustees and dealing with the actual applications), Miss R. E. Darbyshire, R.R.C. Office accommodation has been taken in the buildings of the College of Nursing, 12, Henrietta Street, W.1, and the Secretary of the Fund will be glad to give any information.

LEGACIES FOR NURSES.

Miss Alice Smallpiece, of Shalford, left £200 to Ethel V. Aldridge her nurse and attendant.

Mrs. Marian H. McGlashan, of Shalford, left £100 to Elizabeth King, nurse.

Mr. M. T. Hodding, of St. Albans, left £20 to Nurse Adeline K. Wilsher.

Mr. Rushton Parker, M.B., F.R.C.S., of Liverpool, left £100 to Miss Jane Marian Neepe, in view of her services as nurse to his late wife.

Mr. William Banks Roberts, of Barnet, left 25s. a week to Nurse Jessie Darling.

Mr. John G. Hudson, of Bromley Cross, Lancs., left £200 to his nurse Priscilla Nuttall.

Mr. Francis E. Murray, of Ramsgate, left £300 to his "faithful" nurse, Rose Elizabeth Hooker.

Mr. Charles G. Scott, of Lee, S.E., left £100 to his nurses, Miss F. M. Smith and Miss Johnson, if in his service at his death, and £100 to his nurse, Miss Mary Brendan McCormack.

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