

## NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

### THE INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The Fifth Annual Meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association was held at the Southern Hospital, Dartford, Kent, on Saturday, June 24th, by invitation of Miss A. T. Hyde, F.B.C.N., Matron. Miss J. T. Ruddy, M.B.C.N., was in the Chair.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

The Annual Report was received and adopted, and a satisfactory Financial Statement presented, showing a balance in hand of £22 1s. 6d.

The Meeting expressed satisfaction that the members of the Association had generously responded to the Florence Nightingale Scholarships Appeal, and a total of £20 17s. subscribed to the Fund, for which a letter of thanks was read from the Hon. Secretary of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain.

The Hon. Officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

It was unanimously agreed that Miss M. Drakard be invited to act as President of the Association.

Miss B. M. West, Matron, Southgate Isolation Hospital, was unanimously appointed Hon. Secretary in succession to Miss D. Webb, resigned.

The Hon. Treasurer, Miss A. S. Bryson, was re-elected.

Applications for membership were received, and all were elected. Resignations of three members were received.

The resignation of Miss Dorothea Webb was received with great regret, and it was unanimously agreed that a very warm vote of thanks be conveyed to Miss Webb for her valuable services during the first five years, who, as the first Hon. Secretary of the Association, had done so much for its success and progress.

A Vote of Thanks was accorded Miss Hyde for generous hospitality.

The Meeting then terminated.

After tea, a visit to the Wards and a ramble in the unique highways and by-ways of the beautiful Southern Hospital grounds was much enjoyed.

### THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Summer Meeting of League members was held in the Lecture Room, in the Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C., on July 1st. The second item on the agenda was the announcement of the re-election of the President, Miss Dey, R.R.C.; and on behalf of the League Miss Rundle, R.R.C., D.N. (Vice-President), presented Miss Dey with a bouquet consisting of a great variety of bright-coloured English summer flowers, which made a rare and beautiful effect.

With much regret members learned of the illness of Miss Dell, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund. Her report was read by the President, and re-election of the members of that committee followed.

The selection and acceptance of Miss K. M. Latham, R.R.C., as representative to the Paris-Brussels Congress of the International Council of Nurses was unanimously approved from the Report of the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund.

A letter of thanks from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick (President of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain) for the gift from the League of an Interim Nightingale Scholarship for £250 was read by the President. Miss Dey then read a second letter from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick expressing regret at her enforced absence owing to pressure of work before leaving for Paris to attend the Meetings of the Grand Council of the I.C.N. prior to the Congress. As a result of the magnificent response of the nurses throughout the Kingdom, sixteen International Students were to begin

the Course of Studies in August, and the balance of the Fund in hand would be placed to the credit of the great Appeal to the Public, which it is hoped to launch shortly to permanently endow a fitting Memorial in London to the imperishable memory of Florence Nightingale. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's letter also summarised the three main immediate purposes of the Congress with which she was setting forth in mind to achieve:

Firstly, the great scheme of the International Memorial to Florence Nightingale.

Secondly, the nomination of a President to hold office for the next four years; and, lastly, to press for the next Congress, due in 1937, to be held in London.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the four retiring members of the Executive Committee—Miss Hitch, Miss MacCormac, Miss Pemberton, and Miss Vergette, and the result of the ballot for the election of their successors was then announced: Miss Hungerford, Sister Tutor, St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Miss Jacomb, Sister-in-Charge, St. Bartholomew's Hospital District Midwives; Miss J. M. Jackson, Lady Superintendent, Nurses' Co-operation, Langham Street; and Miss Nuttall, Sister-in-Charge, Charing Cross Hospital Nurses' Home.

After the business was completed, the meeting resolved itself into a social gathering in the Great Hall, with tea-tables gaily decorated, and a ladies' quartette played very pleasantly.

Members had made a special appeal to Miss Musson, C.B.E., R.R.C., LL.D. (Chairman of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales), to allow them an opportunity to see her in the robes of the Degree conferred on her by the Congregation of the University of Leeds.

To this she charmingly conceded with a short speech.

The next pleasure was welcoming the guests from overseas: Miss Lindburgh, Assistant Director, School for Graduate Nurses, McGill University, Canada; Miss Jean Wilson, Secretary of the Canadian Nurses' Association; Miss Beatrice L. Ellis, Matron, Western Hospital, Toronto; and Miss Gladys J. Sharpe, Sister Tutor at the same Hospital.

Other guests, who are always assured of a welcome at Bart.'s League gatherings, were: Miss Lloyd-Still, C.B.E., R.R.C. (President of the Nightingale Fellowship), and Miss Medforth, C.B.E., R.R.C. (Matron-in-Chief Q.A.I.M.N.S.).

Time sped away, with the many greetings among old friends, and left the memory of yet another happy and eventful League meeting.

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### THE LONDON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF NURSES.

The Annual Meeting of the London Hospital League of Nurses, on July 1st, was a most successful function, the proceedings beginning at 10.30 a.m. with a lecture by Dr. Maitland-Jones, on "Feeding of Infants," in Bearstead Theatre, followed by a visit to the Radiographic Department, where the members were received by Dr. Vilvandre, who subsequently lectured to them in Bearstead Theatre, and showed some fine slides; and concluded with a Reception at 8.30 p.m.

The Business Meeting, followed by tea, was held in the Nurses' Home of the Hospital.

We are indebted to the Hon. Secretary (Miss Dorothy Harvey) for the following account of the proceedings:

The lectures were exceedingly helpful and interesting, and were attended by nearly 200 members. Some members could only come for the morning, but many stayed for the whole day. A large number came specially for the service and afternoon meeting, while some could only attend the Dinner and Reception.

There were nearly 400 present at the service. The

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