

Hospital Church (St. Philip's, Stepney) was beautifully decorated with Madonna lilies, the gift of various well-wishers of the Hospital and of the League. The Bishop of Stepney (Warden of the League) preached from the text, "When Aaron dresseth the lamps, let him burn incense on the Altar" (Exodus xxx, 7), showing God's Will that religion and work should go together and not be kept in separate sections of our lives.

A collection was taken for the League Benevolent Fund and amounted to £20 3s. 9d.

The Business Meeting followed—the President, Miss Beatrice Monk, C.B.E., R.R.C., presiding.

The Hon. Treasurer (Miss Littleboy) announced a most satisfactory financial position. She suggested that, as one of the chief objects of the League was "To Help the Hospital," the sum of £100 be sent to the Chairman for the Quinquennial Appeal. This was unanimously agreed to with applause.

Later, in a short report of the work of the sub-committee

Two hundred and thirty members and guests sat down to dinner. The warmth of the evening made strolling in the garden a popular proceeding after the speeches and drinking of toasts. A string quartette added to the gaiety.

A telegram sent at the beginning of dinner to Her Majesty the Queen (the President of the Hospital) received a gracious reply, signed "Mary R.I.," which was read out by Miss Monk to the assembled guests before the evening was over.

LEAGUE OF NURSES OF THE ROYAL ALEXANDRA INFIRMARY, PAISLEY.

The second annual meeting held on Saturday in the Nurses' Home was well attended by former nurses. After the business part of the proceedings, Mr. George Hutton, on his retirement after 33 years service to the hospital, was presented with a gold watch and chain, along with a pendant for Mrs. Hutton, by the resident doctors, nursing, domestic, office, and outdoor staffs. Emphasis was laid on the courtesy and kindness by which Mr. Hutton had

endeared himself to the staff. In returning thanks, Mr. Hutton spoke of the pleasure he had had in his relations with the staff, during the whole of his time there, contrasting his early ignorance of hospital matters with his later mastery of every detail.

Dr. Clow warmly welcomed the nurses who came from other fields of work. They could now listen to him without the dread examination in the background and he would bid them glorify their profession, which, like that of the physician, was almost a priestly one; indeed, Carlyle had said "The physician is the true priest."

Before them, the human soul lay stripped of those affectations in which, more or less, they all wrapped them-

selves. An opportunity was theirs of healing the heart, by such medicine as a smile administered at the right moment. It meant more than they knew: "the little more and how much it was." Or go back to the old story of the man who would compel you to go a mile with him and the injunction, "Go with him twain."

The discontent of to-day was largely due to putting getting before giving. Nurses had an unrivalled privilege in giving and there was no surer road to happiness. He had yet to hear of a trade dispute in which men clamoured to give as much as possible for what they got. Nurses might form such a union; it would not make them better nurses, but their work made them Greathearts among women, having, through sympathy, fought the pains of others.

Personal service was the only soil for the flower of character. If that were not true for any one of them, she should not be in their ranks.

He would like to speak briefly on another subject; the importance of saving for their later years. "All the same



THE GARDEN OF EDEN, LONDON HOSPITAL.

of the Florence Nightingale Memorial Fund, Miss Monk announced that members had subscribed £230 15s. towards the £250 required. In order that the cheque might be sent off in good time £19 5s. had been borrowed from the General Fund, but that she and Miss Littleboy proposed to make good this sum as a mark of gratitude to members for electing them to represent the League at the International Congress.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the number of members of the League was 915 to date.

The guests at the Dinner, which was held in the Library the same evening, were the Hon. Lucy Holland; Mrs. Robert Hutchison; Miss Paulin; Sir William Goschen (Chairman of the Hospital); Mr. Milsom (Secretary to the Hospital); and Mr. Sully, F.C.A. (Auditor to the League).

The tables were beautifully decorated with Iceland poppies, and there was a bowl of yellow roses in front of the President. The Athenæum, where the Reception was held, was decorated with bowls of delphiniums and with vases of larkspur in blue and pink.

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