

and we are hoping to see icebergs soon. We had lovely flowers sent to the ship from friends and my Sisters, which created quite an impression. I had 12 telegrams, letters and a wireless after we started. If things keep on as they have started, it will be a real bump to come down to work again. . . . Will you please give my love to the B.C.N. Council and thank them all once more for the gift which is helping to give me the time of my life."

By the time we received this letter (June 28th) the delegate from our National Council of Nurses will have been welcomed by colleagues in Canada, and will have realised the power and delight of professional affiliation.

We owe much to the courtesy and kindness of the officials of the High Commissioner for Canada in London, and of the "Canadian Pacific" for privileges and luxuries so generously provided for our travellers.

#### CABLEGRAM.

The President, National Council of Nurses, has received the following cablegram from Miss Cochrane, dated June 29th :—

"Magnificent reception. Visited Government House, very full Conference. Canadians enthusiastic over gifts. Countless messages and enquiries for you."

### NURSES' ORGANISATIONS.

#### LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE.

The annual meeting was held in the Nurses' Home of the Royal Infirmary, Leicester, on June 1st, preceded by a short Service in the Chapel, conducted by Canon Matthews.

The President, Miss Hughes, D.N., in the chair; upwards of 80 members present. Letters of apology had been received from Miss Rogers, who had been seriously ill since the last annual meeting, Miss Vincent, and many other members.

On Miss Embry's retirement Miss G. Harris was appointed Hon. Secretary. Miss Embry was elected Vice-President, and the President, on behalf of the League members, thanked her for her 14 years' service as Secretary, and presented her with a case of notes, wishing her a happy retirement in her cottage, at Brean.

Misses Dakin, Tarratt, Owen, Hankin, Roberts, Frost, Speed, and Elliott, were elected to vacancies on the Council.

The League had been asked to submit names for candidature, for the Florence Nightingale Memorial Scholarship. Miss Whited had been nominated, and was one of the two candidates shortlisted. Miss Embry was asked to present the prizes for the Needlework Competition. Sister Hollingsworth gained the silver cup for lingerie, and also 100 per cent. for knitting. Other prize winners gained a high percentage of marks. Miss Sweet, of the School of Stitchery, had acted as judge, and had written a helpful criticism.

Miss Hughes invited the members to inspect the exhibition of beautiful needlework, and also to visit the additions to the Nurses' Home, and Children's Hospital after tea.

#### THE LEAGUE OF FEVER NURSES.

##### First Annual Meeting.

The First Annual Meeting of the League of Fever Nurses was held on Saturday, June 9th, 1934, at Colindale Hospital, Colindale Avenue, The Hyde, Hendon, N.W., at 3 p.m. The Matron, Miss W. P. Solomon, the first President of the Association, was in the Chair.

In her address of welcome, Miss Solomon said :— "I have much pleasure in welcoming to Colindale members of the League of Fever Nurses for our first Annual General Meeting.

"Many of you will remember how and why the F.N.A. was first formed and the value of the work undertaken

by its Council for many years to secure a more uniform standard of training and recognition for the fever nurse.

"Once State Registration was attained there was no longer need to conduct the Examinations, and last year the Association, as you all know, felt the time had come to change its Constitution and so enable it to link up with the National Nursing Organisation. Our Secretary will tell us how far we have progressed in that way.

"It seems to me that the Fever Nurse is no longer in a watertight compartment, nursing conditions are changing rapidly, hospitals of various kinds are tending to centralise under one Authority, and this may make it easier for nurses to widen their experience and acquire the more varied knowledge which they now find necessary for Public Health Work.

"There is no doubt that the trend of to-day is to work on preventive lines, immunisation is more largely used, and ideas on treatment are changing. I hope that our League will help its members to keep in touch with one another, exchange experiences, and enlarge our outlook in the work in which we are engaged.

"If the members will do their part to encourage new members to join, I feel sure there need be no doubt of the success of our League."

Miss Drakard, the Hon. Secretary, presented a very satisfactory report of the formation and progress of the League, which numbers some hundred members, and more applications for membership were to hand.

In closing her report, the Secretary stated that a very happy incident had taken place at a recent meeting, when the President, Miss Solomon, received from Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, the President and Founder of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, the gift of a beautiful antique 18th century Chairman's Hammer, which was accompanied with a message of good wishes for the success of the League of Fever Nurses. The gift was received with acclamation and it was proposed from the Chair that a letter of thanks be sent from the meeting to Mrs. Bedford Fenwick for the unique gift, which will be a most treasured possession of the League; this was carried with applause.

Miss A. S. Bryson, the Hon. Treasurer, reported that the balance handed over from the Fever Nurses' Association, after the expenses of winding up, was £157 4s. 3d., that Annual Subscriptions from new members was £9, making a total of £166 4s. 3d., that the expenses involved in starting the new association amounted to £30 13s., leaving a balance in hand of £135 11s. 3d.

It was agreed to inaugurate life memberships, which would be retrospective to life members of the late Fever Nurses' Association who had joined the League, and that for new members the life membership fee would be two guineas.

At the conclusion of a large amount of business, it was agreed that the Annual Meeting next year should be held in the provinces in the month of May.

After a very warm vote of thanks to the hostess for her courtesy and kindness, the meeting then terminated.

At the close of the meeting, the Medical Superintendent, Dr. Frederick Heaf entranced the audience when he most generously delivered a Lecture, illustrated with lantern slides, on the most modern treatment of Tuberculosis.

At the conclusion of the Lecture, Dr. Heaf was warmly thanked for the treat he had given the audience.

[We publish Dr. Heaf's Lecture on page 170 of this issue.]

Tea was then most daintily served in the Recreation Hall, a most beautiful building, where pink and blue lupins, red roses and blue irises were in profusion, looking their best against the primrose coloured walls. An arresting feature of the hall is a fine stage screen, painted by a stage artist who was once a patient at Colindale; the scene is of the

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