

Jacobite period, and covers the background of the stage at the end of the hall.

After a delightful repast, the wards were visited, as well as the very splendid new Theatre of the most modern equipment, the Kromayer Lamp for application of light treatment to the throat, and the special operating table for thoracic surgery, attracted much admiration.

So ended the first Annual Meeting, an inspiring precedent, when hospitality, scientific knowledge and friendly intercourse combined, were so much enjoyed by all in this fine Hospital with its lovely grounds.

Warm appreciation and thanks were expressed to our indefatigable hostess and President, Miss Solomon, and to Dr. Heaf, the Medical Superintendent, for their kindness on this memorable afternoon.

INFECTIOUS HOSPITALS MATRONS' ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association was held at the City Hospital and Sanatorium, Long Leys Road, Lincoln, on June 16th, 1934, at 3 p.m.

The members were most warmly welcomed in the entrance hall of this beautiful hospital by the Matron, Miss E. O'Kane, and conducted to the Nurses' delightful Lecture Room, where the Meeting was held.

Miss J. T. Ruddy was in the Chair. The Hon. Secretary, Miss B. M. West, presented the Annual Report, which all agreed showed that the Association had made good progress during the year.

In submitting the Treasurer's Report, the Hon. Treasurer, Miss A. S. Bryson, reported a balance in hand of £8 rs. 2d. It was felt that this was a very satisfactory balance, when included in the year's expenses was a donation of £10 17s. to the Florence Nightingale Memorial Fund.

A letter from Miss C. R. Gooding, in which she expressed her desire to continue to support the Association, although she had retired, delighted the meeting, and it was agreed that a letter of good wishes for a happy retirement be sent to her.

The Local Government Officers' Superannuation.

The terms of the compulsory Bill on the above subject, introduced into the House of Commons by Sir Henry Jackson, were considered, and it was agreed that the Bill be further considered at the next meeting of the Association.

Appointment of Officers.

It was agreed that Miss M. Drakard be appointed President of the Association, if she will consent to accept office.

The Hon. Secretary, Miss B. M. West, and the Hon. Treasurer, Miss A. S. Bryson, were re-elected.

One of the subjects discussed was the tendency, which is apparently growing in public bodies, to deprive the Matrons of Hospitals of the duty of engaging the female staff, and it was agreed that this should be further considered.

Miss Ruddy, from the Chair, spoke of the value of meeting together for the advancement of professional status and nursing ethics, and expressed the hope that all present would advise others to join the Association, and so spread the spirit of unity. She felt sure there would be much less petty tyranny if Matrons would stand loyally by each other and realise the necessity of combining in association.

Those who stood aloof did not rise to the full responsibilities of their calling.

At the close of the Meeting a very cordial vote of thanks was accorded the hostess, Miss O'Kane, who had so kindly arranged for the meeting.

Reception by the Deputy Mayor and Deputy Mayoress, Alderman Rayment and Mrs. Rayment.

After the Meeting, the members adjourned to a charming room for tea, and where they were most cordially welcomed by the Deputy Mayor, Alderman Rayment and Mrs. Rayment. On behalf of the Association, the President, Miss Ruddy, expressed warmest thanks to the Deputy Mayor and the Corporation of Lincoln for their kind invitation to the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association to hold its Annual Meeting at this beautiful City Hospital, and for their generosity in arranging the delightful treat in store, to visit Lincoln's wonderful Cathedral. She felt they could not express too warmly their thanks and appreciation of their kindness. In seconding the vote of thanks, Miss B. M. West said they had been invited for tea, but thought "a feast" would better describe this sumptuous refreshment.

The Deputy Mayor, in an eloquent reply, expressed on behalf of himself and the Corporation their pleasure in welcoming the Infectious Hospitals Matrons' Association to the City Hospital; he alluded to the wisdom of meeting in association, and hoped the visit would be renewed at some future time.

Visit to Lincoln Cathedral.

A motor bus, kindly provided by the Corporation, was in readiness at the main entrance to convey the company to the Cathedral, by the most interesting route—past Newport Arch (a relic of Roman Lincoln), "Jews House," and Exchange Gate, until reaching that amazingly lovely pile, where our hostess introduced an official of the Cathedral, an inspired guide, who, in the space of less than an hour, imparted much architectural knowledge, which thrilled his audience.

We said "good-bye" with grateful thanks to our untiring hostess, Miss E. O'Kane, for the great trouble she had taken on behalf of the Association in arranging this memorable visit. Thanks to her, six hours' travelling to meet colleagues from Lancashire, Yorkshire, Lincoln, Boston, Sussex, Derby, and elsewhere had been well worth while.

NURSING EDUCATION IN AUSTRALIA.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES IN CONNECTION WITH THE UNIVERSITY.

A correspondent writes from Melbourne: "After four and a half years' study in Canada, America, and England, and after three years of solid educational work in Australia, we have at last attained one of our objectives, Post-Graduate Studies in the University. An excellent Committee has been appointed including representatives of the National Council of Women of Australia, the Matrons of the Alfred Hospital, The Women's Hospital, representatives of Industrial Nursing, Child Welfare, two doctor representatives of the B.M.A., and five professors representing the University.

"We have commenced our Post-Graduate Courses in connection with the University including Physiology, Anatomy, Bacteriology, Psychology, Physics and Chemistry and Methods of Teaching, for Sister Tutors, Administrators, and Public Health Nurses.

"This is a tremendous step in the right direction. The Nursing Profession has wakened up and they are now keen to be affiliated with the International Council, which many of us have wanted for many years."

We learn with the greatest pleasure that it is hoped that by 1937, when the next meeting of the International Council of Nurses takes place in London, that the Australian Trained Nurses' Association will be in a financial position which will enable it to complete the negotiations for the much-desired affiliation.

Nine Australian nurses attended the Paris-Brussels Congress, amongst them Miss Vicars-Foote, of Melbourne, and Miss Burchell, of Adelaide.

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