

NURSES' LEAGUE JOURNALS.

THE "REVIEW" OF THE LONDON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF NURSES.

The second number (November, 1933) of the *Review* of the London Hospital League of Nurses, which is published annually, is a most admirable issue, upon which we cordially congratulate the honorary editor, Miss Emily Saunders, and all concerned in, or contributing to, its production.

The "Matron's Letter," by Miss May Littleboy, A.R.R.C., contains the intimate information about the hospital and its concerns, which is just what the soul of a Nurse hungers for who has severed her connection with the training school in which for a period of years she lived so intensely.

An item of interest to every London Nurse is that referring to the Badge of the Training School. "I am glad to say," writes Miss Littleboy, "that the beautiful design has not been altered in any way, but it can now be obtained in a smaller size. The cost of it is 16s. (as against the original price of 27s. 6d.) and I hope we shall have a large number of orders for it from Nurses who held back in the past because of the size of the brooch."

The League has successfully inaugurated a Benevolent Fund for its members with a contribution of £20 from the General Fund, supplemented by a collection of £20 3s. 9d. made at the Annual Service of the League on July 1st.

The Second Annual and Fourth General Meeting was indeed a full day, beginning at 10.30 a.m. and concluding about 12 hours later. The proceedings included a most valuable lecture by Dr. Maitland Jones on the "Feeding of Infants," published in the *Review*, an account of a visit to the Radiographic Department, conducted by Dr. Vilvandré, who gave an explanatory lecture during the tour of the Department which he followed, on the members reassembling in the Bearsted Clinical Theatre, by showing and describing in a most interesting way a large number of slides, demonstrating a part of the wonderful work done in this Department of the Hospital.

A brief interval for lunch was followed by the Annual Service, when an Address was given by the Bishop of Stepney, and at which some 400 members were present. Then came (1) the Business Meeting; (2) "a most enjoyable and excellent tea" in the Nurses' Home; (3) Dinner in the Library of the Medical College by kind permission of the Dean—during the course of which the President, Miss Beatrice M. Monk, C.B.E., R.R.C., handed to the Chairman of the Hospital, Sir William Goschen, K.B.E., who was present as the guest of the League, a cheque for £100 which had been voted from the League Fund earlier in the day as their contribution towards the Appeal Fund of the Hospital, and as a token of their desire to help the Hospital in any way they could. Even that did not conclude the day's proceedings, for the Dinner was followed by a Reception held in the Athenæum.

We wonder whether the extremely interesting articles which appear in this number of the *Review* from the pens of League Members are the result of the urge given by the Editor, Miss Saunders, at the Annual Meeting in July. "She asked for more personal news of members and said that this had been requested but that she could not invent it. If it is to be a living *Review* you must send me in something yourselves; it will not be interesting unless you do. . . . And I think some of the younger members ought to come forward now and offer to help. I believe in the capability of youth, and I am willing to help in any way I can, but I think the Editor should be younger than I am myself, that she should live in London, and be in closer touch with the Hospital."

A most interesting account of the International Congress of Nurses in Paris and Brussels is from the pen of the President of the League, Miss Monk, in which we note

"A party of 'Londoners' visited the Pasteur Institute—a most interesting and instructive visit. The Mother Superior—a charming woman—took us to the tomb where Pasteur and his wife are buried. It was so reverently and beautifully kept—it reminded me somewhat of the War Memorial in Edinburgh, even the animals and insects associated with his work were not forgotten!"

Referring to Brussels, Miss Monk wrote: "There was so much to do and so much to see in this beautiful city! Miss Littleboy, Miss Adlam, and I took the opportunity of doing homage to a colleague. We drove to the prison (on the outskirts of Brussels, where Edith Cavell had been imprisoned, and there on the memorial we laid a sheaf of carnations—with grateful remembrance from the Nurses of Her Training School."

And again: "One can only look back with profound admiration for the organisers of such a colossal undertaking, with satisfaction that the Draft Scheme for the Florence Nightingale International Memorial was adopted unanimously—with gratification that Miss Lloyd Still was unanimously appointed the new President, and with thankfulness that the invitation from Great Britain to hold the next Congress in London was accepted—so we meet in London in 1937."

Much else of interest could be quoted did space permit—from "A Profession for the Superannuated, or How I became a Co-operative Sculptor," by Miss Wilby I. Hart; from the most amusing "Notes from a Welfare Centre," by Miss Ruth Colles, Superintendent, Infant Welfare Department, Middlesex Hospital; from "The Account of a Busman's Holiday"—this in Denmark—by Miss R. Simmonds, and from "Reminiscences of 1894," by Miss A. F. Overton. All excellent, both from a literary standpoint and professional interest. May Miss Saunders, who concludes the series of papers with a fascinating and learned disquisition on Aquatint engraving, in connection with the front page illustrations, always receive as good support from League members as she does in this issue of the *Review*.

LEICESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY NURSES' LEAGUE JOURNAL.

The December Journal of the Leicester Royal Infirmary Nurses' League is, as usual, a very interesting publication. Letters from Miss M. F. Hughes, D.N., President, and from Miss G. A. Rogers and Miss C. E. Vincent, R.R.C., Hon. Presidents, occupy the front pages.

Miss Vincent, referring to the Congress of the International Council of Nurses in Paris and Brussels in July, as "the outstanding event of the year," writes:—"There are most excellent reports of these Meetings to be found in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING—August, September, October, November numbers. It would be well worth while to secure and study these."

The Journal is the official organ of the National Council of Nurses in Great Britain, to which the Leicester League is affiliated, and of which for many years it has been a vigorous and much valued component part. It is very important that its individual members should keep in touch by this means with the International Council of Nurses, and we welcome Miss Vincent's advice to League members.

Miss Rogers, in the course of her letter, writes:—"I have been reading with great interest a review of a book entitled 'Gynæcology explained to Nurses,' by Miss Dorothy M. Dickinson, of Charing Cross Hospital, a book which might well be found in every Nurses' Library, but I take exception to one statement. After speaking of the advances made in the Nursing Profession during the last few years, Miss Dickinson goes on to say, 'Nursing now not only means being able to blanket bathe a patient, give an enema, hypodermic injection, or other treatment as ordered;

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