

THE MENTAL HOSPITAL MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

A very successful annual meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to the hon. officers.

The 53rd Quarterly Meeting of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association was held at the Royal British Nurses' Association Club, 194, Queen's Gate, London, S.W., on Saturday June 27th, 1936, at 2.30 p.m., preceded by a meeting of the Executive Committee at 2 p.m. Miss E. L. Macaulay, O.B.E., R.R.C., in the Chair.

The Hon. Secretary read the report of the fourth Meeting of the Midland Group which was held on Friday, May 29th, 1936, at the Leicestershire and Rutland Mental Hospital, Narborough, by kind invitation of Miss Watson.

The next meeting of the Midland Group is to be held at Derby County Mental Hospital, Mickleover, Derbyshire, at the kind invitation of Miss Webb.

The following new members were elected :

Miss D. G. Ballard, Matron, Storthes Hall Mental Hospital, Kirkburton, nr. Huddersfield.

Miss A. G. Barnett, Matron, Dorset Mental Hospital, Dorchester.

Miss I. M. Halliday, Matron, Admission Hospital, Glamorgan County Mental Hospital, Bridgend.

Miss E. Harle, Matron, Claypenny Colony, Easingwold, Yorks.

Miss G. M. Mortlock, Matron, County Mental Hospital, Newport, Isle of Wight.

It was decided to hold the next Quarterly Meeting of the Association on Saturday September 12th, 1936, at Bethlem Royal Hospital, Beckenham, Kent, by kind invitation of the Governors, the Physician-Superintendent and the Matron.

THE LONDON HOSPITAL LEAGUE OF NURSES.

The Annual General Meeting of the London Hospital League of Nurses took place in the Library of the Medical College by kind permission of the Dean, at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 27th; but from 10 a.m. members of the League began to collect in the garden and in Matron's office, and more than 200 were present to listen to Mr. Milne's most interesting lecture on "Shoes," which, while instructive, was entertaining and struck a somewhat different note from the completely technical lecture.

The demonstrations of Practical Nursing Treatment by Miss Robertson (Sister Gloucester) and Miss Hoare (Sister Crossman) were attended by as many as could be accommodated in 50 seats, and a small amount of standing room at each, and the conducted tour of the Medical College Museum attracted another 60 members.

At 2.15 p.m. a service was held in St. Philip's Church, adjoining the Hospital, and many members remarked on the specially beautiful singing this year. The sermon was preached by the Right Reverend Bishop Paget, late Bishop of Chester.

The business meeting which followed was a lively one, and donations to the Edith Cavell Homes of Rest for Nurses and to the expenses of the International Congress of Nurses were voted, much laughter being occasioned by the apparently elastic nature of the Hon. Treasurer's resources.

The dinner in the Medical College, followed by a Reception, was gay and rather noisy, so many old friends meeting, sometimes unexpectedly. The tables were decorated with Iceland poppies, a bowl of yellow roses marking the President's place.

The guests were Sir William Goschen, Sir Robert Stanton Woods, Dr. Clark-Kennedy, Mr. Robert Milne, Mr. Elliott (the House Governor) and Mr. Sully, P.C.A.

The garden party, a delightful occasion at which all Old Londoners are welcome, was held on Friday, June 26th.

THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Summer General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held in the Lecture Room, in the Nurses' Home, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on July 4th at 3 p.m. The President, Miss Helen Dey, R.R.C., was in the Chair.

As this was the first general meeting since the death of King George V, at the request of the President the members rose in silent homage to his late Majesty.

The President also made sympathetic reference to the death of Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, a distinguished and very popular member of the League.

Re-Election of President.

Miss G. Le Geyt, Vice-President, then took the Chair and put to the meeting the re-election of Miss Dey as President, speaking warmly of her work for the League, the activities of which had widened since she took office in July, 1927. The motion was carried unanimously, and the acclamation was long and loud when Miss Dey resumed the Presidential chair.

Mrs. Hadfield was then re-elected as Hon. Treasurer.

Reports.

The Report of the Hon. Treasurer, presented by Mrs. Hadfield, was very satisfactory, showing a balance on the general account of over £200 and a substantial reserve.

Miss H. T. Baines, Hon. General Secretary, presented a Report showing the vitality of the League during the past year, and the Report of the Benevolent Fund, presented by Mrs. Dell, showed a satisfactory balance, although, as the President stated, no legitimate application is ever refused.

The Isla Stewart Memorial Fund has this year given a Sister Tutor's Scholarship of £150, to be held at King's College, to Miss Susanna Marshall

Election of New Members to Executive Committee.

As the result of the Election of new members to the Executive Committee announced by the Scrutineers, the following League members were declared to be elected: Miss G. Cowlin, Mrs. Dell, Hon. Treasurer, Benevolent Fund, and Hon. Secretary, Isla Stewart Memorial Fund, Miss Fellows, D.N., Sister in Charge of the Preliminary Training School, and Miss K. H. Jones, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Other Business.

At the conclusion of the business on the Agenda, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick spoke briefly on the forthcoming International Congress of Nurses to be held in London in July of next year. Bart's nurses were specially interested in its success as the Founder of the League was in the Chair when the International Council of Nurses was founded in 1899, and the first Constitution was drafted in the Matron's House. Mrs. Fenwick invited the support and help of the members of the League in making the Congress a success.

After the meeting there was a Social Reunion in the Great Hall, and to judge from the animated conversation members were delighted to meet old friends.

THE NURSES' MISSIONARY LEAGUE.

The subject for the day at the annual meetings of the N.M.L. was "Power for Service," and in the opening address Miss Macfee defined power as "ability to achieve purpose." The various speakers from overseas had many stories to tell of the power of Christ to change lives and to enable men and women to overcome difficulties and temptations and serve their fellowmen as nurses. A variety of spheres of work were represented. Miss Wheeler (who had been through the earthquake at Quetta and hoped to return to India in the autumn) had worked among wild trans-frontier tribesmen; Miss Midgley had

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