

Coupled with the vote of thanks to Dr. Porter-Phillips was one to the Matron, Miss Hearder, for receiving the members, and for her generous hospitality.

Dr. Porter-Phillips, in thanking the Chairman, stated that anyone desiring further information of the history of Bethlem Royal could not do better than procure a copy of the book written by the late Chaplain, the Rev. E. J. O'Donoghue, which was published in 1914.

The Business Meeting which followed immediately afterwards was held in the beautiful panelled Board Room of the Hospital, the walls of which were hung with the crests of distinguished personages connected with the Hospital, while at one end in the place of honour above the fireplace was a magnificent painting of Her Majesty Queen Mary, who is a Life Governor of the Hospital.

At this meeting tribute was paid to the memory of Miss L. E. Cole, O.B.E., for 24 years Matron of Graylingwell Hospital, Chichester, and one of the earliest members of the Association, who was called to higher service on August 25th last.

A two minutes' silence was observed, the members standing as a tribute of respect to the memory of one who had done so much for the cause of Mental Nursing.

Instead of a floral wreath, which was suggested, a letter of condolence was sent to her sister, accompanied by a donation to be given to one of the many charitable organisations in which the late Miss Cole was interested.

After a delightful tea, to which the members were invited by Miss Hearder, the Matron, who is the Honorary Treasurer of the Mental Hospital Matrons' Association, a tour of the Hospital was made, visiting the Wards, the Lord Wakefield of Hythe Science and Treatment Laboratories, where the visitors saw the up-to-date hydro-therapy, helio-therapy and electro-therapy departments and a fine operating theatre, and lastly, the beautiful Chapel that had been the gift of Lady Wakefield, dignified and exquisite in every detail.

The Patients' rooms were especially interesting, made cosy with modern furnishings and fittings, and with a charming outlook from the windows of the well-kept grounds.

The members of the Association were then privileged to pay a visit to the Nurses' Home situate apart from the Hospital. It is a very modern building equipped with its own kitchen.

Much more time could have been spent in seeing this wonderful Hospital, there were so many interesting things to be studied if time had permitted, but several of the members were obliged to leave in order to catch trains and buses, and though they were reluctant to come away, they felt that the memory of the hours spent at Bethlem Royal would remain with them for many years to come.

As the members left, each was presented with a beautiful Prospectus of the Hospital as a Souvenir of the occasion. It contains interesting information about the Hospital in addition to many beautiful illustrations.

The Mental Hospital Matrons' Association was inaugurated at Bethlem Royal Hospital in 1923, when the Hospital was situated in Lambeth Road, and no meeting of the Association had been held at the Hospital again until the present one at Monks Orchard. Those who were present on the memorable occasion of its inauguration will not soon forget the warmth of the welcome and the hospitality extended to them by the present Matron, Miss Hearder.

THE ASSOCIATION OF QUEEN'S SUPERINTENDENTS.

The Association of Queen's Superintendents is a Member Association of the National Council of Nurses of Great Britain, and is hoping to promote a Session and Demonstration in connection with the Congress of the International Council of Nurses to be held in London in July, 1937.

THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

Amongst the many interesting items in the *League News* just published, special interest is attached to the report of the Isla Stewart Memorial Fund, which consists of £700 invested capital collected for a memorial to the late Miss Isla Stewart (by a Committee, of which Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was chairman), which was transferred by means of a Trust Fund to the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses in 1929.

In October, 1930, the first meeting of a sub-committee appointed to administer the Fund, with Miss Dey as President and Trustee, and Mrs. Hadfield as co-Trustee, was held, when it was decided that the interest of the Fund should accumulate for two years to provide a Bursary, the form of which should be decided by the sub-committee each time the necessary funds became available.

It was also decided that any scholarship offered should be open to all members of the League.

In March, 1932, it was decided to offer a Bursary of the value of £50 for the purpose of post-graduate study. This decision was circulated to all members of the League, and applications invited. Six applications were received and considered by the sub-committee, and two applicants were interviewed on May 23rd, 1932, when Miss M. G. Pennick was recommended to the Executive Committee as a suitable candidate for the Bursary for a six months' Public Health Course.

In April, 1933, the sub-committee made a grant of £15 towards the expenses of a delegate to the International Conference of Nurses in Paris held in the following July.

In August, 1933, the capital of the Fund was augmented by a donation of £51, which had been subscribed as a testimonial to the late Miss Norah Powell (Sister Hope) by her friends on the medical staff. This sum was invested in Consols.

In May of this year a sum of £82 17s. 5d. had accumulated at the bank, and the sub-committee decided that a Bursary of the value of £150 should be offered for a Sister Tutor course at King's College in October, 1936.

It was reported at the General Meeting in July of this year that this Bursary for which the full amount was in hand had been awarded to Miss Susanna Marshall, who gained the certificate of the hospital in 1932 and the certificate of the Central Midwives Board in 1934, and thus holds the double qualification of State Registered Nurse and State Certified Midwife.

THE AUSTRALIAN TRAINED NURSES' ASSOCIATION

In a letter addressed to the *Journal of the Western Australian Nurses*, the official organ of the Western Australian Branch of the Australian Trained Nurses Association, Miss Jane Bell, former Lady Superintendent of the Royal Melbourne Hospital, brings to the notice of her fellow nurses in Australia the desirability of their applying for membership of the International Council of Nurses at its meeting in London in July, 1937. Miss Bell writes that "the present generation of nurses probably does not know that as far back as 1901 when the International Council of Nurses held a Congress in Buffalo, U.S.A., there were present two Australian Matrons Vice-Presidents the late Miss S. B. McGahey, of the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, and the late Miss M. D. Farquharson, of the Melbourne Hospital. It is surely a reflection on the present day nurses of our great Commonwealth that they alone of all the countries comprising the British Empire (or to use its modern designation, the British Commonwealth of Nations) are conspicuous by their absence from this world-wide Conference of Nurses. We should follow the advice of the great Lord Salisbury and 'use larger maps' "

Miss Bell concludes by saying: "No doubt many Australian nurses will be in London next year for the

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