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REUNION HELD AT HOSPITAL

Success of Affair at Good Samaritan Will Cause Meeting to Be Made Annual Event

REDMON REVIEWS HISTORY

Miss Lake Johnson, superintendent of the Good Samaritan hospital, yesterday announced that annual reunions of nurses, internes and doctors of the hospital will be held hereafter, so successful was the first reunion held at the hospital Wednesday night.

Dr. L. C. Redmon, who became the first interne of the Good Samaritan hospital when it was moved to its present location on South Limestone street, reviewed the history of the hospital from its founding by the Women's Guild of the Episcopal church in 1888. The hospital was founded in a building on West Short street just east of Dewese street, and at that time was staffed by a superintendent and four pupil nurses. Miss Frantz was the first superintendent.

The hospital was operated to 1899 as the Protestant infirmary. Then ladies of all Protestant and Jewish churches took over the institution and it became known as

the Good Samaritan hospital. Miss Gehring was the first superintendent of the hospital under that name. The first staff was composed of: The late Dr. H. M. Skillman, the late Dr. David Barrow, Dr. J. C. Carrick, Dr. F. H. Clarke, the late Dr. B. L. Coleman, Dr. W. O. Bullock, Jr.; Dr. John W. Scott, Dr. W. B. McClure, the late Dr. G. D. Kelly, Jr.; the late Dr. J. A. Stucky, the late Dr. Charles W. Norris and the late Dr. John Y. Oldham. Five of the members of the original staff now are on the present staff of the hospital. The late Dr. Thomas Stone Lewis became the first interne on January 1, 1899.

The first class of nurses was organized in 1891, and Miss Sarah B. Rowland was the first graduate in 1893. Miss Rowland now is Mrs. Mock. Dr. Redmon described the growth of the hospital to its present size with 22 graduate nurse supervisors; 75 pupil nurses, a staff of 69 doctors and a total hospital staff of 174, and 242 beds in a hospital valued at approximately \$1,500,000.

Members of the nurses' classes of 1893, 1895, 1897 and 1899 were presented at the reunion. Between 105 and 110 graduate nurses attended, and nine former internes.

In his address, Dr. Redmon paid high tribute to the late Henry L. Ott, president of the board, whose generosity contributed largely to the rapid growth of the hospital, and to the late Alfred Combs, president emeritus of the hospital. He also complimented Miss Johnson, who has been superintendent for the past seven years. Dr. John

W. Scott, member of the original staff, and now chairman of the medical board; Dr. W. G. Phillips, of Maysville, Dr. Clarke and others were introduced.

Supper was served on the front lawn of the hospital.