

gift of £100, there was £103 at the bank, and the liabilities at the end of the year would, he thought, be £300, against which he hoped about the same amount would be collected.

Dr. Fenwick said that he was content to point out to the Council that, excluding the unexpected gift the Association would have had only £3 in the bank and large liabilities at the present moment, and that this absolutely justified his prediction. He must once more point out to the Council that the Association was spending at least £500 a year beyond its assured income, and that this grave financial fact must be faced and remedied. Dr. Fenwick called attention to the proposed new Regulation, and showed that without effecting the slightest good it would be most detrimental to the training of Probationers in the great majority of the hospitals in the country which have less than forty beds. He proposed that the Regulation should continue unchanged, with the omission of the waiver clause. Considerable discussion followed, in which Miss Mollett, Miss Burr, Mrs. Okell, Miss Poole, Dr. Thorne, Mr. Pick, Mr. Brudenell Carter and the Chairman took part, and finally Dr. Fenwick's proposition was unanimously accepted, and the Reports, thus amended, were unanimously passed.

Dr. Calvert did not seek re-election as Treasurer, and Dr. Fenwick proposed a vote of thanks to him for his valuable services, pointing out that he had been compelled to criticise the financial management, but had done so quite impersonally, and had always expressed his sense of the difficulties under which Dr. Calvert had laboured. The resolution was carried by acclamation.

Mr. John Langton, Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, was elected as Honorary Treasurer, and Mr. Fardon, Resident Medical Officer of Middlesex Hospital, as Honorary Medical Secretary.

The Vice-Chairmen—Miss Thorold, Lady Superintendent, Middlesex Hospital, Sir James Crichton Browne, and Mr. Pickering Pick, Surgeon to St. George's Hospital, were re-elected.

The following ladies and gentlemen retired in rotation from the Executive Committee: Dr. Lawrence Humphry, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge; Mr. Brudenell Carter, late St. George's Hospital; Dr. Alex. Davey, Royal Isle of Wight Infirmary; Dr. W. Fairbank, Royal Infirmary, Windsor; Mr. Clinton Dent, St. George's Hospital; Miss Butler, Lady Superintendent, Samaritan Free Hospital; Miss Euphemia Ross, Matron, Western Fever Hospital, Fulham; Miss Elma Smith, Matron, Central London Sick Asylum; Miss G. Turner (Sister Lawrence), St. Bartholomew's Hospital, E.C.

The Council then elected the following to fill the above vacancies:—Dr. Bradbury, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge; Mr. Warrington Haward, St. George's Hospital; Mr. A. G. Foulerton; and Dr. H. W. Gell; Mr. A. Pearce Gould, Middlesex Hospital; Miss Clara Bourne, Matron, Royal Chest Hospital, City Road; Miss Ambler-Jones, Matron, Fever Hospital, New Cross; Miss Emily R. Graham, Matron, Mile End Infirmary; Miss Emily Bramwell, Sister of Matthew Ward, St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

The Annual Conversazione of the Association will be held at the Princes' Hall early in December—the exact date will be announced later.

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THE Matrons' Council and First Sessional Meeting is being held as we go to press; we hope to give a full report of this interesting meeting in our next issue.

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WE feel sure that great numbers of our readers will feel, with us, that the business transacted at the meeting of the General Council of the Royal British Nurses' Association was significant and important.

The appointment of a Treasurer of the status in the medical profession, and of the business capacity, of Mr. John Langton is, we hope, an augury that for the future the financial affairs of the Association, and especially the office expenditure, will be conducted upon more economical lines, and more in accordance with the position of a professional Association composed of hard-working women, whose average salary is small. We have no hesitation in stating that strict economy must be enforced if the Association is to regain the confidence of the members, and deserve the respect of the public.

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The appointment of Mr. Edward Fardon as Hon. Medical Secretary to the Association was spontaneous and unanimous, and we feel sure that we are expressing the opinion of our fellow Nurses in sincerely congratulating the Royal British Nurses' Association upon this judicious appointment. Mr. Fardon's intimate knowledge of the work and etiquette in a leading Nurses' Training School, and his true interest in, and sympathy with, Nurses, augurs well for the future success and harmony of the conduct of business in our Association. We feel sure that one and all will combine to help him in his somewhat difficult task of re-establishing confidence in the official management of the Association, and have no doubt that with his kindly help the Association will once again occupy its former high position in the professional and public mind. In fact, it is to be hoped that the time of stress and storm is over, and that in the future real and useful work may be accomplished by our Association, for the benefit of the Nurses and the public. All that are needed are harmony and co-operation.

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