

also that of the auditor, falls excessively on the Registration Board, so that in future we think the General Account should bear two-thirds, and the Registration one-third, of these expenses.

From the accounts it seems that, including the balance at the bankers of £317 10s. 7d. on April 1st, 1895, the total receipts of the General, Journal, and Registration Accounts for the financial year, amount to £1,459 3s. 3d., and the expenditure to £1,361 5s. 8d.; the balance at our bankers, including cash at office, amounted to £98 15s. 4d.

The amount of liabilities of the Association amount to a total of £342 18s. 8d.

The financial position is occupying the serious consideration of your Sub-Committee on Finance, and they hope shortly to present to the Executive a scheme for reducing materially the expenses of the Association.

Lastly, I beg to report that during the last three months ending June 30th, the sum of £371 16s. 9d., including a bank balance of £98 8s. 8d., and a loan of £90 from the Treasurer, has been received, while the expenditure has amounted to £283 7s. od., leaving a balance at the bank, on that date, of £88 9s. 9d.

JOHN LANGTON.

July 2nd, 1896.

THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee have to report that 46 new members have been admitted during the last three months, 6 members have withdrawn, 4 have died, and 5 have been removed from the Roll in consequence of being 4 years in arrears with their subscriptions, 54 Nurses have been enrolled in the Register maintained by the Corporation during the same period. These figures indicate a gratifying increase in the number of Nurses desiring to join the Association.

The Committee desire to express their deep regret at having to record the loss the Association has sustained by the death of the late distinguished President of the Royal College of Physicians and British Medical Association. Sir John Russell Reynolds, in the midst of a busy and active life, was always ready to afford his countenance and support to any movement having for its object the suitable recognition of the work of highly-trained Nurses, and his kindly sympathy and counsel will be much missed.

The Committee have been engaged in a good deal of correspondence as to the advisability of forming a Colonial Branch in New Zealand, and Mrs. Neill has now been empowered to take the necessary steps.

The Annual Meeting arranged to take place in the great Hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital has been fixed for the 22nd instant. The Duke of Westminster and the Duke of Sutherland have kindly consented to throw open Grosvenor House and Stafford House on that day to members of the Association, and the Hon. Treasurer and Mrs. Langton will also receive members at their house, 62, Harley Street.

It has been thought well, in view of the length of time usually occupied by the scrutiny of the ballot papers, and the enforced absence of the scrutineers from the meeting during the transaction of business, to arrange for the meeting to assemble half an hour before the commencement of the ordinary business, to appoint scrutineers and allow them to proceed with their work.

The thanks of the Committee are due to Sir James Crichton Browne for a very interesting Sessional Lecture on "Facial Expression," which was much appreciated.

The practice which has hitherto prevailed of communicating with every Nurse upon the Register once a year, for the purpose of verifying the particulars of the entry, has been discontinued on the ground of expense.

The Committee propose to make arrangements for Practical Demonstrations in Invalid Cookery at the offices of the Association during the winter months, provided a sufficient number of Nurses intimate their intention to avail themselves of attending this course.

The Committee recommend the Council to adopt the following resolution: "That the terms of the agreement requiring the return of the badge on the death of a member be waived in the case of the late Mrs. Anne E. Street, on the understanding that the badge now in the possession of her father be returned on his death."

The Committee regret that the health of the Secretary, Miss Ravenhill, has not yet allowed her to return to her duties, and, in view of her prolonged absence, Miss Ravenhill tendered her resignation to the Committee. The Committee, taking into consideration the valuable services rendered to the Corporation by Miss Ravenhill, and there being every probability of her health being quite restored, declined to accept her resignation, and granted a further three months' leave of absence.

MILITARY NURSING.

Her Royal Highness, the President, announced that the authorities of the War Office had signified that all arrangements dealing with a Volunteer Nursing Corps must be made under the direct authority and control of the War Office, and that the members must gain experience in Military Hospitals; so that no Volunteer Corps could be organised by the Royal British Nurses' Association, or any other nursing body. The truth is, as we proved in our paper lately read at the Nursing Conference, that the time is ripe for the whole question of Military Nursing to be taken into consideration by the Commander-in-Chief, Lord Wolseley. Thorough re-organisation is necessary, and with a more progressive element in the medical department than has prevailed under the régime of the late Director-General, we hope that reforms may be speedily carried out, which would be of the greatest benefit to our soldiers, and redound to the credit of the Commander-in-Chief.

The announcement made by Princess Christian is eminently hopeful; and thanks are due to those who brought the suggestion of a Reserve of trained Nurses for the Army before the Royal British Nurses' Association, which has once more proved its usefulness in taking the initiative in reform; although the Sub-Committee appointed to consider the question has been quietly shelved, and the matter, it now appears, cannot be carried out by the Association at all.

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