

## The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.



A General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held at the Hospital on Saturday last, at 3 p.m. The President, Miss Isla Stewart, was in the chair.

In briefly welcoming the members, Miss Stewart expressed the pleasure it was to her to preside again over a League Meeting. As they would hear, the past year had been a prosperous one and the League now numbered nearly 600 members. As there was a great deal of business to transact, Miss Stewart said she would not make a speech, but called at once upon the Treasurer, Miss Jenkins, to present her Report.

### THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

The report was a most satisfactory one. Over £104 had been paid in subscriptions, and there was a balance in hand of £99 7s.

### THE SPECIAL APPEAL FUND.

In the absence of the Financial Secretary, Miss Whitley, Miss Jenkins also presented the Report, *re* the Special Appeal Fund for re-building the Hospital. The League has already handed over to this fund a donation of £1,500 to be applied to the building of the Nurses' Home. It now closes the financial year with a balance of £235 14s. 11d. in hand. Of this £5 was collected in farthings by Sister Henry. It was agreed to let the fund accumulate until it reached £500. In reply to a question by Mrs. Lancelot Andrews, the President said that the money had been placed on deposit account in the bank, and that interest was being received upon it.

The adoption of these Reports having been moved and seconded, the question of making grants from the League to the Nurses Home of Rest at Brighton and to the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses was then discussed on the proposition of Mrs. Spencer. It was agreed to do so in each instance, details being left to the Executive to arrange.

### THE GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Mrs. Matthews presented the Report of the General Secretary, which showed that thirty-nine new members had been elected during the past year, the course of ten lectures on Bac-

teriology given during the winter by Dr. Andrewes had been well attended and much appreciated. In connection with the Nursing Exhibition, which was being arranged by the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses to take place in the autumn, the League had promised its support. The *League News* had been published in July and February. In connection with the petition in favour of the State Registration of Nurses, which was being organised by the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, for presentation to the Prime Minister, the President had been authorised to circulate it amongst members of the League for signature. Mrs. Hayward had resigned her position as delegate of the League on the Executive Committee of the State Registration Society, and Mrs. Shuter had accepted office. Miss Marcon had succeeded Miss Musson as sub-editor of the *League News*.

The Report of the General Secretary having been accepted, that of the Benevolent Fund was then presented.

### BENEVOLENT FUND.

This stated that there had been no applications for help, but one donation of £10 had been given to help a nurse over an operation. The balance in hand was £35 17s. 2d. This Report was also accepted.

### POST GRADUATE LECTURES.

The President then laid before the League a scheme for Post Graduate Lectures. She had consulted with Mr. Moore, the Head Dispenser, in regard to a course of lectures on Pharmacy, and with Dr. Caiger, Medical Superintendent of the South Western Fever Hospital, as to a course on Infectious Diseases. Dr. Caiger would be glad to accede to the request, but thought it would be better to defer them for another year as he said he had noticed that as very excellent lectures on the subject, by Dr. Knyvett Gordon, were now appearing in the *British Journal of Nursing*, he supposed that every one would read those, and he did not think that others would be wanted this year.

Mr. Moore also would be very pleased to give the lectures on Pharmacy, but would prefer to defer them to another year as the dispensary was now being rebuilt, and he would have better facilities in the future.

Miss Stewart then suggested Hygiene and Public Health, and Biology as possible alternatives. The former course proved extremely popular, and it was agreed that the Executive should arrange for such a course, once a week, during the winter session.

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