

she saw it, she noticed the names of two persons who had passed away.

One member of the Deputation represented to the Prime Minister that the list was composed of individuals, whereas the Deputation represented the organized members of the medical profession and the organized nurses. There was no doubt that the Deputation was very important and influential and carried weight.

Mrs. Shuter as Treasurer then presented her Report which showed a balance of over £55 in hand as well as 54 Badges, after £25 had been placed to the Reserve Fund.

The Secretary's Report was also very satisfactory and showed that the membership was now 766.

Mrs. Shuter then presented the Report of the Benevolent Fund, on behalf of Mrs. Matthews, and said there had been a marked increase in subscriptions during the past year. The Balance at the Bank was now over £50.

The following members were elected on to the Executive Committee:—Miss E. Bramwell, Miss M. S. Rundle, Miss E. M. Hunter, and Lady Baddeley.

Mrs. Shuter reported, on behalf of the Isla Stewart Memorial Committee, that the sum received now amounted to £295 19s. 8d., of which £250 was on deposit. The Committee expressed regret that subscriptions and donations of small sums were not more numerous.

It was agreed on the proposition of Miss Campbell seconded by Miss Waind that a course of lectures, on pictorial art, illustrated by visits to galleries, should be arranged for the Autumn Session.

Miss B. Cutler then gave an interesting account of the Dublin Nursing Conference, the first held under the auspices of the National Council of Trained Nurses to which the League was affiliated. It was a great success—excellent in quality, in numbers, in enthusiasm—both as to its serious and its lighter side. There was not a dull moment. All the papers were of an unusually high quality. She specially mentioned Mrs. Bedford Fenwick's paper on State Registration of Nurses, and the Resolution, in support, carried by the Conference, and read part of the leading article from the *Irish Times* of the following day cordially supporting the Resolution, at which there was great applause. She also referred to the Bart's splints having taken a first prize given by THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING and to the exquisite needlework in the St. John's House Exhibit, which also gained a prize. Of the success of the social side of the

Conference too much could not be said. Altogether she had never enjoyed a week more thoroughly.

On the proposition of Mrs. Walter Spencer it was unanimously and cordially agreed to give a donation of £5 to the funds of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

This concluded the business meeting, after which tea was served in the cloisters. Unfortunately the tennis match between past and present Bart's nurses had to be abandoned on account of the rain.

WELCOME HELP.

With the best intentions in the world there is little to be done without money. We even have to pay to be permitted to do our duty in these days!

It is with great pleasure therefore that the President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, begs to acknowledge the generous donation of £5 from the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses, and a cheque for £5 from Miss B. Cutler, which she has been kind enough to collect amongst her friends, in support of the cause of Nurses Registration by the State. We have also to thank the following donors for most welcome gifts: Mrs. G. F. Wates £2 2s., the Kingston Infirmary Nurses League £1 1s., Miss Grace M. Girdler 5s., Miss E. M. Jones 5s., Mrs. Hambleton 3s.

NURSING UNDER THE NATIONAL INSURANCE ACT.

Mr. Charles Bathurst asked the Secretary to the Treasury in the House of Commons last week whether it was proposed in the National Insurance Act (1911) Amendment Bill to make provision for the inclusion in medical benefit of the nursing of insured persons, or otherwise to take steps to provide such persons with efficient nursing, and prevent the threatened extinction through lack of financial support of county and district nursing associations. Mr. Masterman answered in the negative and added "Provision is already made under Section 21 of the principal Act whereby Approved Societies and Insurance Committees may subscribe for the support of district nurses for the purposes of visiting and nursing insured persons, but there has not yet been sufficient experience of the working of the Act to show the full effect of this provision or whether amendment is needed."

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