

## LEAGUE NEWS.

## THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Summer General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held in the Clinical Lecture Theatre, on Saturday, July 4th. The President, Miss Cox Davies, was in the chair.

## REPORTS.

The following reports were received.

## FROM THE TREASURER.

Mrs. Shuter, the Hon. Treasurer, reported a substantial balance in hand. It was agreed to place £25 to the Reserve Fund.

## FROM THE GENERAL SECRETARY.

An interesting report was presented of the year's work, Miss Cutler stating that since June, 1913, 48 new members had joined the League. The membership now was 782.

In January, Mrs. Andrews resigned the General Secretaryship.

After the House of Commons had passed the first reading of the Nurses' Registration Bill by a majority of 228, the Executive Committee resolved to send votes of thanks to Dr. Chapple, M.P. (in charge of the Bill), and Dr. C. Addison, M.P. (who voted for it). They also wrote to Sir Frederick Banbury, one of the members for the City, regretting that he had recorded his vote against the Bill, and hoping that in the future he would support a measure of such simple justice.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick pointed out that Sir Frederick Banbury not only voted against the Bill, but was one of those who immediately blocked it. Another member who did so was Lord Robert Cecil, who, she was glad to say, when appealed to by one of the members of the League, residing in his constituency (Miss Clara Lee), removed his block, from a sense of justice. She thought it discreditable that the member for the City should maintain this attitude in the House of Commons, and hoped that members of the League would follow Miss Lee's example, and write to Sir Frederick Banbury.

## FROM THE TREASURER OF THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

Mrs. Matthews then presented the Report of the Benevolent Fund, which showed that grants had been made amounting to £15, and the balance in hand was £53 2s. 1d.

The President said that if the League had not been able to help the cases which had been brought before it from time to time they would have been in a poor plight. She would like to see the fund in a stronger position.

Miss Musson said the balance seemed to be a large one. She was in favour of spending the available funds rather than investing them.

All these reports were adopted.

## ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

The next business transacted was the election of a Secretary. The President said that Mrs. Andrews had given most invaluable work to the

League, which owed her an enormous debt of gratitude. They owed her a very hearty vote of thanks, and this was warmly accorded. The Executive, in considering the appointment of a successor, were of opinion that no more suitable one could be found than Miss Cutler, who had already filled the position temporarily.

Miss Musson, in proposing Miss Cutler's appointment, also spoke of Mrs. Andrews' work in consolidating the League. She always felt that all had a personal friend in her, and that she was working not only for the League, but for the nursing profession as a whole, and to further the work of all women workers. Miss Finch seconded the motion and endorsed all that Miss Musson had said.

Miss Cutler accepted office.

## ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT.

Mrs. Andrews was then unanimously elected to fill the vacancy for Vice-President; and the President presented her with a handsome clock, as a keepsake, on behalf of the League.

In accepting the gift, Mrs. Andrews warmly thanked the members of the League.

## ELECTION OF PRESIDENT.

Miss Cox-Davies was re-elected President. Miss Waind asked the President to accept a shower bouquet of pink carnations and asparagus fern, and to believe that she presented the flowers in the name of all members of the League, both absent and present, as a token of their appreciation of the manner in which she had held office.

Miss Cox-Davies thanked the members most warmly for their confidence and kind words.

## MEMBERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Miss Hale, Miss Vergette, Miss Binnian, and Miss Riddell were appointed on to the Executive Committee, in place of those retiring.

## THE ISLA STEWART MEMORIAL FUND.

Mrs. Shuter then presented the report of the Isla Stewart Memorial Committee, which was adopted, and stated that during the past year £118 5s. had been received. The total amount invested and in hand was £424 17s. 9d. The interest on £500 would enable the committee to give a useful scholarship, and it had been decided not to use the interest until that amount was invested.

Mrs. Fenwick, Chairman of the Memorial Committee, hoped that the League would by some means be associated in perpetuity with the support of the Memorial to its Founder, so that when those who had known her had passed away, new generations of members would keep in sympathetic touch with the scheme.

Mrs. Andrews proposed that some definite yearly subscription should be given by the League to the Memorial. Education was the cry of the moment, and the demand for qualifications becoming more stringent. It was only in regard to the nursing profession that people thought its members were born, not made.

The Founder of the League was a pioneer who did not live to see the fruition of her work. The

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