

## ANNUAL REPORT.

The Annual Report was presented by Miss Haughton, who said that in many respects it was a negative one. Eighty-two associates had become past members, 106 week-ends had been spent at the cottage, and 1,273 short visits paid; 2,330 volumes had been taken out of the library during the year. Owing to the war, for the first time since 1895, the Musical Society had had no practices and given no concerts. The Debating Society had not been active but the members had been so busy with other things. Miss Haughton mentioned as one of the activities of the year the opening the new Massage Department, which now was a regular school taking outside pupils for six months' training.

The Photographic Society had a small display, and interesting photographs had been received from nurses on active service, Miss Jentie Paterson having contributed many, but now all the cameras had been sent home.

The issue of a new Nursing Guide and Register had been postponed till after the war.

Some 130 members were in France on active service, and 150 more engaged in nursing the sick and wounded at home.

The League had lost by death during the year Miss Mabel Pilcher, Lady Superintendent of the Government Hospital at Lahore, who died at Marseilles on her way home, Miss Lottie Yeoman, and Miss Clara Hawkins who had died in the hospital.

## FINANCIAL REPORT.

In the absence of the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Fagge, Miss Haughton presented the Financial Report. The addition of an extension to the cottage had been under consideration, but owing to the increase in the cost of building materials it had been decided to postpone this until after the war, and to pay off £350 from the debt upon the cottage reducing it to £1,000. After this had been done there was a balance in hand of over £43.

Miss Haughton also mentioned that the Nurses' Missionary League had had an all day working party, which was most interesting and resulted in a most useful box of garments and bandages being sent to Mrs. Norman Walker at the Hing Hwa Hospital, China. Messrs. Down Bros. had been, as heretofore, most kind in providing a tin lined box in which to despatch this welcome gift.

Miss Swift, who moved the adoption of the Report from the chair said that it was most satisfactory to her, as she and Miss Smith used often to discuss the chances of ever reducing the debt on the cottage to £1,000. The adoption of the Report was carried unanimously.

## ELECTION OF HON. MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

The meeting confirmed the election by the Council of Mrs. Walter Burns, Mrs. Hertz, and Mrs. Mollison as Hon. Members, in place of three retiring members. In proposing a vote of thanks to the Hon. Officers, Mrs. Poolman said what a pleasure it was to past members to come

to these meetings, and to feel that they belonged to the splendid League of such a splendid hospital.

## RESULT OF BALLOT FOR THE ELECTION OF MEMBERS OF COUNCIL FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

*Photographic Society.*—Sister Mary (Miss Edmonds), Nurses Webster, Broome, Longbourne, and Howis.

*Swimming Club.*—Sister Job (Miss Marriott), Nurses Loughnan, Hook, Casson, and Rees.

*Nurses' Debating Society.*—Sister Marion (Miss Grations), Nurses Gladstone, Ledlie, F. Edwardes, C. Dean, and Macfarlane.

*Tennis Club.*—Sister Esther (Miss Mannell), Nurses Rowan, Hook, Webster, Casson, and Hayne.

*Choral Society.*—Sister Astley Cooper (Miss MacManus), Nurses E. A. Smith, Hughes, M.K. Hayne, and Loxton.

*Nurses' Library.*—Sister Light (Miss Payne), Nurses Claxton and Burton.

*Needlework Representatives.*—Sister Naaman (Miss New), Nurses Bollard and Bailey.

Miss Evans proposed and Miss Rogers seconded a vote of thanks to Miss Smith, Miss Rogers saying she was not too tired to do that, and she knew all the spade work which fell to the lot of a secretary. On the proposition of Miss Haughton, Miss Kiddle was asked to take back with her to France a special greeting to the members of the League working there; and after the usual votes of thanks the members adjourned to inspect and enjoy the collection of photographs sent by members, after which a very pleasant evening was brought to a conclusion. M. B.

## NURSING AND THE WAR.

The Wounded Allies Relief Committee have already sent to Serbia two Belgian doctors—Dr. René Louwens, physician to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Antwerp, and Dr. Camille Vennens, a Belgian Army doctor who with two nurses, Miss Mentschekova, a Russian lady who can speak Serbian, and Miss Ellen Thompson are now at work at Kragujevac. Miss Edith E. Pierce-Toms, Miss Dora Johnson, and Miss M. I. Kidd, left on Tuesday to join them, and the Matron, Miss Edith Mackenzie, with Miss J. Miller, Mrs. Alicia Palmieri, Miss Daisy Phillips, Miss Dora Millthorpe, and Miss Elizabeth Bertram leave on Thursday, April 29th. Miss Mackenzie was trained at the Southwark Infirmary, East Dulwich, and has held posts at the Monsall Hospital, Manchester, the Tolworth Isolation Hospital, and the Belvidere Hospital, Glasgow, and has recently been Home Sister at the City Hospital, Yardley Road, Birmingham.

One of the most glorious realizations in this War is the fact that from the four quarters of the globe British nurses have foregathered in their hundreds and are to be found wherever our soldiers and the soldiers of our Allies are stationed. This really gives one an imperial thrill; and although great-

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