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ANNUAL MEETING.

There was a large attendance of the members at the Annual Meeting, which took place on Friday, June 30th. At 4.30 p.m. the members were the guests of Mrs. Campbell Thomson, Nurse Honorary Secretary, who had given instructions for a specially nice tea to be provided for those attending the meeting. Everyone appeared to enjoy the delightful cakes and tea, and the ices provided afterwards. The R.B.N.A. Annual Meeting is always pre-eminently a day of reviving old friendship; most of our members are very busy people, but for "auld acquaintance sake" many make a special effort to attend and to meet old friends and new. It was therefore a happy thought of the Nurse Honorary Secretary to decide to give the members tea before the business part of the meeting commenced. Her Royal Highness the President arrived punctually at half-past five p.m. Her bouquet of mauve and pink carnations with asparagus fern, tied with dainty pink ribbon, was presented by Miss Ruth Giles, the little daughter of one of the members.

THE REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

After the notice convening the meeting and the Minutes of the previous meeting had been read, Mr. Paterson, Medical Honorary Secretary, read the report of the Executive Committee. This referred very largely to events which had been already reported through the medium of our official organ as they occurred. Reference was made to various steps which the Association had taken in connection with matters of importance to Nurses' interests. Notably, a deputation to the Minister of Health to protest against the proposal of the Scottish Board of Health to place on the General Register nurses trained in Fever Nursing only—a proposal which was ultimately withdrawn. Also the Association took an active part in combating the proposals of certain members of the General Nursing Council for England and Wales to deprive Nurses of the record of their Certificates in the published State Register, an injury which has also been prevented.

Naturally, a considerable part of the Report was connected with the Club established last year. It was shown that this had proved a complete

success, and had been very largely taken advantage of by the R.B.N.A. Nurses for residential purposes. Members were urged to use all their influence to make the Club known to other nurses and to induce them to become members in order that it should be established on a sound economic basis. The Report referred to the help which the Council had received from Her Royal Highness the President. "Only those who were most actively engaged in promoting the scheme know how much time and thought and how much practical help and advice your President has given to it, simply because she knew that it was a project which the Nurses had very greatly at heart. The kindness and thought of Her Royal Highness for the Nurses is writ large in the annals of the Royal British Nurses' Association, and has played a very great part in forging the unity and loyalty which link together so strongly we who are Members of the Association." Reference was made to the kindness of Her Royal Highness in sending to the Nurses a large number of theatre tickets. Gifts of seats at the Albert Hall had been received from Lady Bowden Smith; Mrs. Hayes Palmer had sent many gifts of flowers and papers for the nurses, and the Executive Committee also expressed their thanks for the beautiful case of glass and mahogany given by Miss Liddiatt to preserve the banner, and many other gifts from members of the Corporation. Appreciation was expressed of the services of Miss Beatrice Cutler, in organising the Club, and of the valuable honorary work of Miss Grace Anderson, given while the Association had its premises in Orchard Street.

The Report was seconded by Miss Helen Pearse, Superintendent of the L.C.C. School Nurses. She congratulated Mr. Paterson on the satisfactory Report which he had presented and upon the work accomplished by the Association throughout the year. The present headquarters, said Miss Pearse, must prove of inestimable value to the profession in the future, as a centre to which nurses from all parts of the world would find their way in order to learn all that was to be known of Nursing organisation in England. Miss Pearse specially congratulated Mr. Paterson on the success which had attended his scheme for founding a club for the nurses, and said that the extent to which they were taking advantage of it must be a source of great gratification to him.

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