

more than the usual number of grateful and appreciative letters for services rendered.

All candidates must be State Registered.

The gross receipts from the Patients amounted to £51,880 6s. 6d., of which the sum of £48,817 16s. 10d. has been paid to nurses.

The income of the Society derived from the Commission on Fees earned by the Nurses was £3,062 9s. 8d. which, with the addition of £108 14s. 2d. received as Interest makes a total income of £3,171 3s. 10d. It has been dealt with in paying all working expenses of the Co-operation, contributing towards the Sickness and Benefit Fund, and bearing the whole expense of an Accident Insurance Scheme.

The Investments standing in the name of the Co-operation amount to the sum of £3,444 18s. 9d. at cost price, and we are reminded that the House Property—namely the Howard de Walden Nurses Home and Club, £15,167 8s. 0d., and the Leasehold Premises, 22, Langham Street, at a cost £4,872 15s. 11d. less Sinking Fund, £215 13s. 9d., equals £4,657 2s. 2d.—is greatly increased in value to the purchase price. The excess of income over expenditure for the year, carried to General Funds, was £50 18s. 6d.

Owing to the number of claims for Sickness Benefit it has been found necessary that for 1926 an increment of 2s. 6d. shall be made to the subscription paid by the nurses, and the total subscription payable this January was £1 5s. 0d.

We agree with the Committee that remembering the large number of Hospitals, Homes, and, in most places, Staffs of Nurses doing private work it is gratifying that applications are still received from all parts of the country, as well as from overseas, and congratulate it upon the year's work.

The One Hundred and Fifty-third Annual Report of the Leicester Royal Infirmary contains the following appreciation of the work of the Nursing Staff:—

"The Resident Medical Officers and the Nursing Staff under the supervision of Miss C. E. Vincent, Matron, and the Administrative Staff generally have continued to give whole-hearted co-operation in the work of the Institution and their service is acknowledged with gratitude. When it is remembered that State Registration of Nurses involves those members of the Staff who desire to have their names added to the State Register in taking a course of study to pass the State Examination, it will be realised by Hospital supporters generally, that the duties are onerous and make great demands upon their strength."

The Annual Report of Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association for 1925, which is, as usual, an interesting record of good work done, describes a year of struggle with financial difficulties. The Hon. Secretary, Lieut.-Colonel Norman Walker states that the Central Committee for long has realised that the income from the original endowments, though sufficient at the time the Association was formed, is now insufficient to meet the high prices which have been forced upon it during the last few years. For practical purposes it may be said that the cost of steamship fares and of living expenses have doubled.

The Service of Nurses is, Colonel Walker states, a

contented one, the conditions compare favourably with those of the Army Nursing Services, and other large institutions, and with private nursing. There is no lack of recruits in England. The European public in India are contented with the nurses supplied, the Committee constantly get letters of gratitude from patients and their relations, and from the doctors under whom the Sisters work, and they believe that the disappearance of the Lady Minto's Indian Nursing Association would mean grave anxiety to Europeans working in India. The Committee believe that the Association cannot live on, subscriptions and fees alone, and that it becomes necessary (while doing all that is possible to encourage both) to appeal for really generous and substantial help in the form of special donations.

The Chief Lady Superintendent, Miss F. A. Hodgson, S.R.N., reports that at the close of the year, exclusive of herself, there were 83 members on the Nursing Staff, viz., six Lady Superintendents—five of whom are in charge of Private Nursing Centres—four Matrons, or Senior Sisters in charge of Hospitals, and Nursing Homes, 17 Sisters attached to these institutions, and 45 Sisters on the Private Nursing Staff. To meet the actual requirements for the private staff the cadre should be increased by 10 nurses.

THE QUEEN OPENS NEW HEADQUARTERS OF THE COLLEGE OF NURSING, LTD.

The Queen, attended by the Dowager Countess of Airlie, visited the new Headquarters of the College of Nursing, Ltd., in Henrietta Street, Cavendish Square, W., on Monday, May 31st, and performed the opening ceremony. Her Majesty was received by the Mayor of Marylebone, Viscountess Cowdray, Dame Sarah Swift, R.R.C. (President), Sir Arthur Stanley (Chairman), the Council of the College, and the architect, Sir Edwin Cooper.

A Guard of Honour was formed of 20 Sisters and Nurses, members of the Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service, the Territorial Army Nursing Service, the Ministry of Pensions Nursing Service, Voluntary and Poor Law Hospitals, private nurses and district nurses. Amongst those on the platform in the Central Hall, where the ceremony took place, were the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Minister of Health.

Sir Arthur Stanley said that Lord and Lady Cowdray had met the entire cost of building and equipping both the Cowdray Club and the College of Nursing.

Lady Cowdray then asked the Queen to accept the deeds of the building, which Her Majesty was pleased to do, subsequently handing them to Dame Sarah Swift.

Mr. Neville Chamberlain said that before the War when working in a hospital in Birmingham with Miss Musson he noted that the Nurses' hours were very long, and their pay very low. Conditions had improved since then, and the great and noble profession of Nursing had now better opportunities to realise their higher ideals, and to continue to strive for higher things, but there was still room for improvement.

The Queen then inspected the building, making a complete tour of the various departments, and expressing satisfaction and sympathy with its work.

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