

HON. TREASURER'S REPORT.

The receipts during the past quarter have amounted to £165 14s. 7½d., including a loan from the Hon. Treasurer of £34 19s. 7d. The expenditure for the corresponding three months amounted to £226 5s. 4d. The liabilities amounted to £308 4s. 8d., exclusive of loans from the Hon. Treasurer amounting to £124 19s. 7d.

The serious condition of the finances is now engaging the earnest attention of H.R.H. the President, and it is hoped measures will shortly be devised to remedy existing difficulties.

The Medical Honorary Secretary, Mr. Fardon, of the Middlesex Hospital, read the following Report, and moved its adoption. This was seconded and carried unanimously.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee beg to report that thirteen Nurses were registered at the July meeting of the Board. Thirteen Members have been elected, six have withdrawn, and six have died, including two Vice-Presidents, Sir J. E. Erichsen, Bart., and Sir George Humphry, M.D.

The number of applications for registration now awaiting consideration shows a satisfactory increase over the corresponding period of last year.

The Annual Meeting, of which a report has already appeared, was duly held in the Great Hall of St. Bartholomew's Hospital, the chair, in the unavoidable absence of H.R.H. the President, being taken by Sir James Crichton-Browne. The Hon. Treasurer and Mrs. Langton kindly held a reception of Members at their house during the afternoon, the large attendance testifying to a sincere appreciation of their hospitality.

The Committee have to report the receipt of a letter from Mrs. Neill, in which she expresses her regret, and gives exhaustive reasons for her inability, under existing circumstances, to undertake the labour of forming a Colonial Branch in New Zealand. She will, however, continue to discharge the duties of Local Honorary Secretary.

H.R.H. the President has graciously announced her intention of presenting badges to the Members on the occasion of the Annual Conversazione in December.

Miss G. Scott, Dr. Wethered, and Mr. Isenthal have kindly promised to give sessional Lectures during the coming winter, the titles of which, with dates, will be announced in the *Nurses' Journal* for November.

Arrangements are being made to hold shortly, at the Offices, a Course of Demonstrations on Invalid Cookery, which it is hoped will prove of value to Members and others.

The Council are invited to receive the report of the Committee appointed to consider the admission of Nurses specially trained in the Nursing of mental cases as Members.

The Committee have again to express their thanks for gifts of books to the Library, and especially to Miss Robertson, Mrs. Clayton, and Nurses attached to the Staff of St. Helena Home, who have presented a large number of volumes.

Dr. Wood read the Report of a sub-committee appointed to confer on the desirability of mental Nurses, as such, being admitted to registration and membership of the Association. Briefly, the Committee

suggested that Nurses who had been working for three years in recognised Asylums of more than forty beds; or for two years in Asylums and one year in a General Hospital, and who produced such certificates of professional knowledge and personal character as the Registration Board from time to time required, should be admitted to Registration and Membership.

Dr. Wood proposed, Sir James Crichton-Browne seconded, and Her Royal Highness supported, the adoption of the Report, and this was carried unanimously.

The hope was expressed that, if a considerable number of mental Nurses applied for Registration the financial condition of the Association might be greatly improved.

The next business was the election of Vice-Chairmen and Executive Honorary Officers for 1896-97, and, upon this being reached, Sir James Crichton-Browne asked permission to make a personal statement concerning the action recently brought against him in the City of London Court by Miss Brey, a member of the Association. He spoke for nearly an hour, entering at length into a number of matters concerning the case, and incidentally making a number of antagonistic remarks concerning Dr. Bedford Fenwick, and against the *NURSING RECORD*. He concluded by placing his resignation of the office of Vice-Chairman in the hands of the President.

Dr. Bowles proposed that Sir James Crichton-Browne should be re-elected Vice-Chairman of the Association, and that a cordial vote of thanks and a vote of confidence in him should be passed by the Meeting. Her Royal Highness seconded the Resolution.

Dr. Bedford Fenwick, on rising to speak to the Resolution, was stopped by Her Royal Highness, who rose and asked the Meeting not to hear him.

Dr. Fenwick said that he claimed his right, as a member of the Council, to defend himself against the attacks which had been made upon him.

Sir James Crichton-Browne rose and said that he felt sure that the Meeting would support Her Royal Highness.

Mr. Pickering Pick rose and asked the Meeting to vote in favour of Her Royal Highness' Resolution, that Dr. Fenwick be not allowed to speak. The Resolution was, of course, carried unanimously.

Dr. Fenwick rose and entered a formal protest against being deprived of his legal right of free speech and to defend himself.

Her Royal Highness then put the Resolution re-electing Sir James Crichton-Browne as vice-Chairman to the Meeting, and this was carried with one dissentient.

It was then proposed and seconded that Miss Thorold, of the Middlesex Hospital, and Mr. Pickering Pick should be re-elected Vice-Chairmen.

Dr. Bedford Fenwick rose and called for the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on October the 2nd. These were, after some delay, produced and read, showing that the Executive Committee had not nominated the Vice-Chairmen and Executive Honorary Officers for re-election by the General Council.

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