

Meetings of the House Committee were held. At the suggestion of Mr. Brady, an architect was engaged; plans drawn up, discussed and adopted, and estimates obtained from several builders.

Finally, the estimate given by Mr. John Cowan, amounting to \$5,832, was accepted. The work was begun on November 1st, and completed about the 1st of March.

The new building contains 17 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, a dining-room, kitchen, pantry, and store-room.

Alterations were made in the old house—the large front room on the second floor divided into two; a dark room divided into cupboards; a skylight put into the hitherto unventilated maid's room; general repairs undertaken, and the front room to be used as a parlour, with the halls and some of the bedrooms, were cleaned and papered.

A Furnishing Committee was appointed to select and get estimates on the necessary furniture. A new schedule of prices for rooms was prepared, and by the time the building itself was complete, the rooms were ready for occupancy. The nurses had been invited to contribute towards the furnishing of the parlour, and subscribed about \$220 for this purpose.

The fact that all the rooms were occupied almost immediately, and that there are now nurses on the waiting list for vacancies, shows that the changed conditions are appreciated. The house now has 23 single and double rooms. One of these is reserved for the housekeeper, and one has been reserved for transient guests. There are 28 residents, bringing in a monthly rental of \$155.

In addition to the increased number of rooms for rental, the club-house now possesses a parlour, an office, a dining-room, and a telephone room, besides additional space for the storage of trunks. The total cost of building, alterations, repairs and furnishing has amounted to about \$7,400.

The House Committee is glad to report that the long-standing debt of \$462 to the Association and to the Benefit Fund has been cancelled; also that the remainder of the debt to Dr. Hurd has been paid, and that the Club now stands clear of all indebtedness.

All expenses connected with the building have been paid, and the Committee feels perhaps justified in congratulating itself that they have been rigidly kept within the means at its disposal. It has also, however, to report that in order to meet expenses, the \$5,000 left by Mr. George Graffin to the Association, the interest from which has been relied upon to meet the ground rent, has been used, and that in future all expenses connected with the maintenance of the house will necessarily depend entirely upon the income derived from the rentals and registry fees.

The expenses will, of course, be very materially enlarged.

Two furnaces, instead of one; an additional maid, increased taxes, a larger gas bill and incidentals, together with the ground rent, make us understand that we are not yet in a position to be reckless.

Added to this, an item upon which we did not reckon. We received a notice from the city authorities that it would be necessary to erect a fire-escape, and the contract has just been given at a cost of \$139.

Nevertheless, the Committee, after careful consideration, feels assured that the prospects of the Club financially are very favourable; that if the present demand for rooms continues throughout the year; the rentals, combined with the registry fees, will not only pay all expenses, but leave a margin for future improvements.

The Committee is gratified to state that after a much-needed rest, the housekeeper and Registrar, whom we all feel has done so much to make the Club a home and the Registry popular, has returned to carry on the work for the following year. They also desire to thank the nurses who have taken charge during Miss Barwick's absence, and all who have contributed towards the Furnishing Fund.

A. M. CARR, *Chairman.*

### THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGISTRY COMMITTEE.

The regular work of the Registry Committee for the year ending June 3rd, 1899, has been carried on successfully. In the detailed report which is appended we find that in the total number of calls for the year we are able to record an increase of 200 more than were received last year. Of special interest, indicating that the Registry is becoming more widely known, is the fact that the registry calls this year number 321, as against 157 of last year. There was also an increase in the number of personal and hospital calls. We are particularly glad to call attention to the fact that the calls for the visiting nurse through the Registry were 64, while last year we had but 27 through this source.

During the months between November and May there were 109 calls which we were unable to answer.

Few matters of importance were brought forward for consideration during the year. Reports of individual cases where there had been some difficulties between the patient and the nurse were investigated, with the result that the nurse was sustained by the Committee.

Upon the advice of the Committee, the Board of Directors of the Association decided to admit

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