

meeting. The consideration of the Benevolent scheme was also a most important matter.

The President then expressed the pleasure she felt in welcoming so many former nurses of the hospital back to their old training school. The fact of renewing old friendships enhanced the pleasure of the meeting to many, but she could sincerely say that no one felt half as much pleasure in being present as she had in seeing them there.

The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Hon. Treasurer then presented her report, and remarked that, as the Financial Report was always a matter of some anxiety, she would at once allay this by announcing that there was a balance in hand of £14 19s. 7d.

THE HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Hon. Secretary's Report was as follows:—

"I have to report that seventy new members have been enrolled since the last General Meeting on December the 4th. The League now numbers 313 members, a gratifying result, when we take into consideration the fact that it was only started nine months ago.

"At the meeting on December 4th the desire for a suitable badge was unanimous. 200 badges were ordered, and up to the present time about 100 have been sold. The initial expense was heavy, owing to the cost of the die, and the large number ordered. We hope that members will apply for badges as soon as convenient, and thus relieve the executive committee of the responsibility of having too large a stock in hand. An event of interest occurred in May, viz., the issue of the first number of "League News." The Editorial, written by the President, showed a keen and sympathetic insight into, and understanding of, the needs and wishes of her nurses. It must have appealed strongly to the hearts and minds of all who read it. The Bye-laws have been printed and circulated. To-day they will be brought before you for consideration. A Benevolent Fund scheme will also be submitted to you. Both of these are important subjects, and deserve a free and frank discussion."

Both reports were adopted.

CONSIDERATION OF THE BYE-LAWS.

The Bye-Laws were then considered and keenly discussed. Amongst those who took part in the discussion were Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Mrs. Howard Marsh, Miss Barling, Miss Mollett, Mrs. Spencer, Miss Smedley, Miss Armitage, Miss Rodgers, Miss Saw, Miss Webb, Miss Todd, Miss M. Breay, Miss Kingsford, Miss Pearce, Sister Mark, Miss Lofts, Miss Harrison and Miss MacVitie.

The Bye-Laws were ultimately adopted as follows.

BYE-LAWS, 1900.

I. The Honorary Officers shall be: President, Acting Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary. The Acting Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary, shall be elected by the Members in General Meeting assembled upon the nomination of the Executive Committee. They must be elected by a majority of, at least, two-thirds of the Members present at such meeting.

II. The League shall have power to appoint members as Vice-Presidents.

III. Applications for Membership shall be made upon a form provided for that purpose. The subscription must always accompany the form.

IV. The annual subscription of 2s. 6d. shall be due on November 1st.

V. The Summer General Meeting for the transaction of business, followed by a Social Gathering, shall take place at such time and place as the Executive shall determine.

VI. The Winter Social Gathering shall take place early in December.

VII. The President and Honorary Officers shall have power to summon a Special General Meeting, of which fourteen days' notice must be given to the Members. Forty shall form a quorum.

VIII. The Secretary shall call a Special General Meeting on the requisition of twenty Members, of which fourteen days' notice must be given to the Members. Forty shall form a quorum.

IX. There shall be a Standing Sub-Committee to deal with the Benevolent Fund.

X. There shall be a Standing Journal Sub-Committee. The Journal shall be published in May and November.

XI. No Bye-law shall be altered or rescinded without due notice of such alteration or omission having been sent to the Secretary at least fourteen days before the date of the Executive Meeting, and such alteration shall not come into force until it has received the sanction of the next General Meeting.

XII. The Members of the League shall have power to expel any Member who shall after full enquiry be found guilty of moral delinquency or professional misconduct.

XIII. No Nurse's name shall be removed from the roll of Membership until she has been informed of the charges brought against her by registered letter, and, also, not until she has been given an opportunity of being heard by the Members in General Meeting assembled. At such Meeting there shall be at least one hundred members present, and not less than three-fourths of those present must vote for such removal.

XIV. The Executive Committee shall meet once a month (from October to June inclusive) at such times and places as may be decided upon, to receive applications for Membership and do such other business as may be necessary. Four Members shall form a quorum.

THE BENEVOLENT SCHEME.

Miss Stewart then proposed a Sub-Committee to deal with the formation of the Benevolent Scheme, and her suggestion was adopted.

CLOSING REMARKS OF THE PRESIDENT.

The President said that before the meeting resolved itself into a Social Gathering, she would like to remind the members of the responsibility

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