

THE WORK OF THE MEMBERS.

The activities of our Honorary Members in the United States during the past year have been many. The part which they have taken in the establishment of the *American Journal of Nursing* must especially be noted, Mrs. Hunter Robb and Miss L. L. Dock being members of the editorial staff.

Miss Dock has brought out a booklet entitled "Short Studies on Nursing Subjects," and more recently an edition of her *Materia Medica for Nurses*, arranged in conformity with the British Pharmacopœia. Mrs. Robb has also a book on *Nursing Ethics* in the press, which will be eagerly awaited.

Steps are being taken in the United States to form an American Council of Nurses, and Miss Dock is acting as Hon. Secretary to the Committee formed for this purpose.

In Australia, Miss McGahey (Hon. Member) has initiated a Society of Graduate Nurses of Prince Alfred Hospital, Sydney, of which she is Lady Superintendent, called the Prince Alfred Trained Nurses' Re-union. This is of special interest, as it is the only Co-operation of School Graduates in Federated Australia.

Miss J. P. Reijnvaan, Hon. Member for Holland, has helped to form, with other Dutch Matrons; a Matrons' Council in that country, which already has a membership of nearly thirty Matrons, and of which Miss Reijnvaan acts as Hon. Secretary.

Letters recently received from Mrs. Neill, Hon. Member for New Zealand, show that she is interesting herself in promoting professional matters amongst Matrons and nurses in New Zealand.

Of our own members, the President, Miss Isla Stewart, has given much time and thought to the extension of the work of the League of St. Bartholomew's Nurses, and the issue of the first number of *League News*, which appears twice a year, the organ of this Society, must be noted.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, as President of the International Council of Nurses, has been engaged in evolving a practical basis of organization for the future working of the Council, which will come before it for discussion at the meeting which will be held at Buffalo during the week of the Nurses' Congress.

Miss Huxley, Vice-Chairman of the Council, has been appointed President of a Nurses' Club which she has recently helped to form in Dublin. The Club provides professional and social advantages for its members, and nearly all the Dublin Hospitals have joined in the movement.

The following members of the Matrons' Council have been doing good service in South

Africa:—Sister Sidney Browne, of the Army Nursing Service, Superintendent of Nurses at No. 3 General Hospital, Wynberg; Miss Beatrice Jones, Matron of the Victoria Park Hospital; and Miss Atkins, late Matron of the Park Hospital, Hither Green.

It is pleasant to record that membership of the Council abroad is extending. We now have two members in Philadelphia, two in New South Wales, one in Victoria, one in Rio de Janeiro, one in New Zealand, and one in Zanzibar, exclusive of the Honorary Members.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

It will be remembered that up to October, 1899, the Financial Year has always dated from October 1st, but in that year it was decided that it should thenceforth begin on January 1st. We have, therefore, had to live for fifteen months on a year's income, so that it is satisfactory to state that we closed this period with a small balance in hand.

In this connection the Council has to record its gratitude to Miss Agnes S. Brennan, Hon. Member, Superintendent of the New York Training School for Nurses, connected with Bellevue Hospital, New York, for a donation of twenty-five dollars (£5 2s. 8d.) to the funds of the Council.

As we must depend for our reliable income upon Annual Subscriptions, it is a wholesome sign that this year they amount to a larger sum than has been attained since the foundation of the Council. For the year ending December 31st, 1900, our total receipts have been £38 18s. 2d., and our expenditure £38 14s. 5½d.

In presenting the Balance Sheet, it must be recognized that the Council pays nothing for office expenses, or clerical work, and it is a bright sign of their genuine interest in the Council that members continue to give so much gratuitous service.

THE NURSES' CONGRESS AT BUFFALO.

In the course of the discussion which took place on the Report, the question of the appointment of a Delegate to the Nurses' Congress at Buffalo was brought up, and the President read the official invitation of the Committee convening the Congress. It was arranged that the invitation be accepted, and that the members of the Matrons' Council be invited to subscribe 10s. each, which, it was calculated, would cover the expenses of a Delegate. About £8 was promised in the room, and it was agreed to refer further organization to the Executive Committee.

The appointment of Officers for the ensuing year was then considered.

Miss Knight, whose term of office as Vice-Chairman had expired, was unanimously appointed

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