

Zealand, become daily more pressing, and the Council hopes shortly to bring forward a scheme for your approval. Delay in doing so has arisen from the fact that any such scheme should embrace the whole of Australia, except Victoria.

During the past year the Association has sustained an irreparable loss in the death of Dr. Norton Manning, who, since the inception of the Association, had worked untiringly for its welfare. Though for long in failing health, he maintained his interest in the Association to the last, even after bodily infirmity had compelled him to vacate the presidential chair. On receipt of his resignation, the following resolution, which will meet with the approval of all members, was passed:—"That this Council accepts with the deepest regret the resignation of the President, Dr. Norton Manning. The Council wish it to be placed on record that they consider that the success that has attended the formation of this Association is in a large measure due to the personal efforts of Dr. Manning, who gave up a large amount of valuable time, and whose great business capacity, sound judgment, and never-failing tact were always at the service of the Association." The Council feel it difficult to adequately express the indebtedness of the Association to one whose loss is daily felt more and more. A subscription having been started to present Dr. Manning with a token of the Association's esteem, he chose as a memento the badge of the Association in gold, and requested that the balance should go to the Benevolent Fund. Dr. Chubbe was elected President for the remainder of the year. The Association has also sustained a great loss in the retirement of its Vice-President, Dr. Sydney Jones, and of both its original Hon. Secretaries, Dr. Mills and Miss McGahey having resigned after more than four years of arduous work on behalf of our members. Dr. Sinclair Gillies and Miss Kendal Davies were appointed Hon. Secretaries for the remainder of the year.

During the year it was decided to issue a quarterly journal to keep the members in close touch with the work of the Association, and to afford them a medium for discussing matters of common interest. The first number of the *Australasian Nurses' Journal* has been in your hands some time, and the second will appear almost at once. The journal will form the mouthpiece of the Council, and is managed by a committee consisting of the Hon. Secretary, three Matrons (members of the Council), and the Manager, Miss Garran. The cost of printing, &c., is borne by the Association, but it is hoped in time to make it self-supporting.

It being deemed advisable to institute a Register for Nurses' Homes, regulations have been drawn up for such registration, and there are at present four homes on the Register. The regulations for registration appeared in the journal. A badge has

been designed and issued to members on the General Register, and a badge is now in preparation for Nurses on the Register of the Auxiliary Midwifery Branch. The question of a special Register for those practising Massage was carefully considered and deemed inadvisable at present. A series of six lectures will be delivered during the winter on subjects of interest to nurses, the lecturers being Misses McGahey and Gould, Drs. Barrington, Pope, Gill and Hankins. These lectures will appear in the journal. Three proposed alterations in our rules will come up for discussion to-night. You have had due notice of them. They are considered by the Council to be necessary in the interest of the Association, and have been fully discussed and agreed to before being placed before you for consideration. Our relations with the Victorian Association continue of the most friendly character. An application to the Director-General of Hospitals in New Zealand for recognition by them of our certificate of registration has been postponed by him until the institution here of uniform examinations. The beds in the private hospitals under the management of Mrs. Bradley, Miss Duffy, Miss Martin, and Miss Rylie are, thanks to the kindness of these ladies, still available for members of the Association, and have on several occasions been occupied. Applications for these beds should be made through the President of the Association. We would again draw the attention of our members, both nursing and medical to the state of the Benevolent Fund. This fund, instituted for the benefit of nurses in financial straits owing to illness or other cause, should command the practical sympathy of all members. We trust some effort will be made to place it in a position to deal more liberally than has in the past been possible with those for whose benefit it was instituted.

The financial position of the Association is satisfactory, and the work of the year has been marked by harmony and good feeling. In concluding, we congratulate the Association on the progress made during the past year.

(Signed) C. P. B. CLUBBE, President.
 SINCLAIR GILLIES, } Hon. Secs.
 M. KENDAL DAVIES, }

The balance-sheet presented by the hon. treasurer, Mr. J. O. Fairfax, showed a credit balance of £239 10s. 1d., as well as a deposit in the savings bank of £200, while the Benevolent Fund had a balance in the bank of £150 15s. 4d. We congratulate the Nurses of the Australasian Trained Nurses Association on their admirable report and on their financial prosperity.

No society can be successful, nor can it be self-respecting unless its income exceeds its expenditure.

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