

## The League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses.



No better example of the capacity of nurses to manage their own affairs could be advanced than that afforded by the meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses on

Saturday last. Miss Isla Stewart presided, and as soon as the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed a series of reports were presented.

*The Treasurer's Report* was presented by Miss Jenkins, and showed a balance in hand of £116 7s. 7d.

*The General Secretary's Report*, presented by Miss Whitley for Mrs. Matthews, stated that 36 new members had joined the League since June, 1906, bringing the membership up to 599. That the course of lectures on Hygiene and Public Health given during the winter months by Dr. Newman had been very greatly appreciated, that at the special meeting in January held to consider the Petition in support of State Registration of Trained Nurses a unanimous resolution was passed in its support, that Miss Helen L. Pearse, Superintendent of School Nurses under the London County Council, was appointed delegate of the League to the International Nursing Conference in Paris, that Miss Whitley had been appointed one of the Appeal Committee formed by Lady Ludlow, after a meeting of the Lady Governors of the Hospital to raise funds for the much needed Nurses' Home, that Miss Finch had resigned the office of Vice-President, and that Miss Henman, Miss Greenstreet, Miss Bird and Mrs. Dunn retired in rotation from the Executive Committee.

*The Report of the Financial Secretary*, Miss Whitley, showed that over £95 had been received in subscriptions.

*The Report re Special Appeal Fund.*—Miss Whitley reported that £259 was in hand towards the last £500 of the £2,000 which the League desired to raise towards the Nurses' Home Building Fund. Miss Cox Davies suggested that members should be asked to volunteer to collect £5 towards the remainder and several in the room immediately offered to do so. Miss Armitage (Sister Surgery) suggested that those members who had joined the League since the cards were issued three years ago should be invited to take collecting cards.

*The Report of the Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund.*—One donation of £25 had been made to a member during the year, and the Fund had a balance in hand of £18 10s. 2d. The Benevolent Fund Committee was re-elected, as were also the Financial and General Secretaries, Miss Whitley and Mrs. Matthews, whose work, as was pointed out by the President, had always been excellently well done and whose three years' term of office was now concluded.

Miss Greenstreet (late Sister Mark) was elected Vice-President in the place of Miss Finch, and Miss Pine, Miss Birch, Miss Todd, and Miss Pearse were elected members of the Executive Committee.

The President then brought forward the question of Post Graduate Lectures during the coming winter. It was arranged that Mr. Moore, Dispenser to the Hospital, should be invited to give a course of lectures on Pharmacy.

The President then made a Statement on the progress made in the State Registration movement during the past year.

Miss Cox Davies proposed that the League should award a prize of £5 once a year to be competed for by the certificated nurses in the Hospital. She suggested that a small committee should be formed to decide upon the object each year. The suggestion was adopted, and the appointment of the sub-committee left to the Executive.

Miss Helen Pearse then gave a verbal report of her visit to the Nursing Conference at Paris, but as we understand her official report will be printed in *League News* it is unnecessary here to refer to the matter at length.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick said she would like to emphasise the beautiful and generous spirit in which the French people received the members of the International Council and gave the English-speaking peoples credit for pioneer work.

She was also struck by the fact that the officials of the Assistance Publique were very well acquainted with what had already been done in various countries, that they appreciated the status of the trained nurse, and were anxious, when organisation takes place in France to give nurses an efficient professional education, and their rightful and professional position. She would also like to draw attention to the way in which the Conference was received by the Municipal Council of Paris at the Hotel de Ville with all honour, the officers of the Council being invited to inscribe their names in the Golden Book, in which the names of Royalties and of the officers of distinguished scientific and other societies are enrolled. She regarded

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