

will rejoice, therefore, to find their courage and professional loyalty rewarded.

Through the action of the Fever Nurses' Association, a very practical and growing power in the evolution of nursing education, the interests of the Training Schools in Fever Nursing are to be well represented on the Governing Body for the nursing profession, as suggested in the Nurses' Registration Bill, promoted by the Central Registration Committee, and their special training is to receive recognition in the Register. This proves how beneficial is co-operation, as without the expert advice of the delegates of the Fever Nurses' Association at the recent Conference, with the best intentions in the world, the special needs of fever hospitals and their staffs might not have received just the recognition best suited to their work. No doubt when the Registration Act is in force fever nursing will be included as part of the training of the most highly efficient nurses qualified under its authority.

Special Registration Fund.

	£	s.	d.
Brought forward	41	2	0
" Amicus "	1	0	0
Mrs. Shuter	10	0	0
Miss L. Taylor	5	0	0
Miss J. Wade	4	0	0
Miss Sandford	4	0	0
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	£43	5	0

COLLECTING CARD.

Name of Collector:	£	s.	d.
Miss Isla Stewart			
The Sisters of St. Bartholomew's Hospital	8	4	0
The Nurses of St. Bartholomew's Hospital	2	1	8
A. Friend	2	2	0
Mrs. King Roberts	1	1	0
Mr. Watkins	10	0	6
Miss J. Clay	2	0	6
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	14	1	8
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Total	£57	6	8

The Hon. Secretary desires to express her most cordial thanks to the Sisters and Nurses of St. Bartholomew's Hospital for their most generous support, as well as to the other kind friends who have contributed so liberally to the special registration fund.

The Nurses' Co-operation.

THE ANNUAL REPORT, 1909.

The Nineteenth Annual Report of the Committee of Management to the Members of the Co-operation, and to the Nurses on the Staff, is a record of a very successful year's work. The total number of cases nursed during the year was 6,166, the staff consisting of about 500. The fees received by the Nurses have exceeded those earned by them in any year since the Co-operation was founded in 1891, amounting to the splendid sum of £44,410 0s. 8d. for nursing, and £707 12s. 11d. for massage. The commission, £2,738 12s. 7d., leaves excess of income over expenditure £292 9s. 5d., a very satisfactory result. The whole business, including the Howard de Walden Home, means a cash turnover of £50,300 17s. 10d., which proves the value of women's skilled work. Under a policy by which all the nurses are insured against accident, compensation has been paid to nurses who have met with accidents of various kinds in the course of the year. A further policy of assurance against sickness, and disease which has been arranged, has been found of great benefit to the nursing staff. By a small annual contribution supplemented from the funds of the Co-operation, all nurses become entitled to a weekly allowance whilst they are temporarily incapacitated for work. This scheme has been warmly supported by the nurses.

Mrs. Lucas, the Lady Superintendent, and Miss Laura Baker, the Home Sister, are to be congratulated upon the success of the Head Office and Home under their supervision, which the Committee warmly commend, laying special stress on the pleasant and harmonious spirit which prevails between them and the nursing staff.

So far, very good. But how is it that this great women's co-operation lacks professional *esprit de corps* in its widest sense? We see no evidence in the Report of encouragement by the Committee of any personal responsibility upon the part of the Nursing Staff in relation to their profession as a whole. We congratulate the Nurses' Co-operation on its success as a business, but we want to add congratulations on its sense of corporate professional unity. As it is commercially rich, so also should it be a powerful influence for all the higher ideals, without which even nursing becomes a somewhat sordid occupation. When shall we see the Nurses' Co-operation League associated with others for the well-being and solidarity of the profession of nursing? Some day we hope—though the time is now.

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