

not only "isolation" but "isolated," to which patients were removed against their will, and in which, as three-quarters of the patients were children under ten years of age, they were too young or too ignorant to complain, still less to criticise. The members of the fever hospital who came most in contact with the public—*i.e.*, the patient and his friends, were the nurses, beginning with the ambulance nurse, and their management was more judged by the nursing staff than by any other means, a fact which it had taken some authorities a long time to find out. Let nurses remember the tradition of their calling, which was as high, if not higher, than that of any other.

#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council reported that 729 nurses had now been registered by the Association. It detailed the policy of the Association in regard to State Registration of Trained Nurses, and put on record the kind support the delegates of the Association to the Central Registration Committee had received from the late Miss Isla Stewart, who was a member of the Association.

It also reported that the Association's scheme of training, which has as its basis a syllabus of lectures, and a schedule of ward work, has now been adopted by the following hospitals:—The Metropolitan Asylums' Board's Hospitals for acute cases, the City Hospital, Edinburgh, the City Fever Hospital, Leeds, the City Fever Hospital, Sheffield, the Fever Hospitals at Southampton, Norwich, Willesden, Brighton, Sunderland, East Ham, Ilford, Greenock, Paisley, and Plaistow. Joint training between general and fever hospitals was referred to as one of the objects of the Association.

#### REPORT OF HON. TREASURER.

Dr. Foord Caiger presented a very satisfactory balance-sheet, showing a balance of over £75. Dr. Caiger said, however, that at present the headings of expenditure were not very numerous, but as the superannuation age of nurses was fixed at 65 it was a question whether in the future there might not be scope for a Benevolent Fund to provide nurses with crutches or false teeth during the last ten or fifteen years of their service! Dr. Caiger also referred to his obligation to Miss Morgan for the way in which the books had been kept.

#### OFFICERS AND NEW MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

The officers elected by the Council, on April 25th, for the ensuing year were as follows:—*President*, Dr. Goodall; *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. Brownlee, Dr. Cuff, Dr. Pearson, Miss Bann, Mrs. Doran, Miss Drakard, and Miss Carson Rae; *Hon. Treasurer and Chairman of Executive and Education Committees*, Dr. Foord Caiger; *Hon. Secretaries*, Dr. Biernacki and Miss Morgan; *Hon. Registrar*, Miss B. Scott.

The following ladies and gentlemen were elected at the meeting to fill the vacant seats on the Council:—Dr. J. Biernacki, Dr. R. M. Bruce, Dr. J. B. Byles, Dr. J. J. Clarke, Dr. H. Lister, Dr. J. T. Kitchin, Miss C. L. Burton, Mrs. F. E. M. Day, Miss A. E. Lewis, Miss L. A. Morgan, Miss Knott, and Miss Jessie Stewart.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to the officers, after which tea and coffee were served.

## The Isla Stewart Memorial.

The first meeting of the Isla Stewart Memorial Committee was held at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on Saturday, 21st inst.

Upon the proposal of Miss Cox-Davies, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

Mrs. Andrews, who is kindly acting as Secretary *pro tem.*, reported replies from the majority of Leagues and Societies, accepting representation on the Committee, and from others stating that the matter would be considered at the next meeting of their committees.

Opinion was apparently unanimous that the National Memorial should be of an educational character, and that its ultimate aim should be the organisation of a Post Graduate Course for Matrons in the Teaching and Supervision in Training Schools for Nurses, and in the General Administration in Training Schools and Hospitals.

Mrs. Fenwick pointed out that at present no such post graduate teaching was available in England, but that such a course had been endowed through the munificence of Mrs. Helen Hartley Jenkins, at Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York, in co-operation with the American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses, and that the curriculum had been inaugurated under the Director of the Department of Nursing and Health, Professor M. Adelaide Nutting, R.N.

Miss Cox-Davies proposed that no time be lost in inaugurating the Memorial to Miss Isla Stewart, that pending the full organisation of the Committee when an appeal for funds would be made to place the National Memorial on a sound financial basis, the members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses should be asked to subscribe a sufficient sum to meet the expenses of an "Isla Stewart Scholar," to be selected from those trained at St. Bartholomew's Hospital, to be entered as a student at Teachers' College next September for the one year's term of instruction in Nurses' Education, for which a certificate is given, with residence at Whittier Hall, which adjoins the College. The estimated cost of the entire expenses of such a scholar was £160.

This suggestion was enthusiastically agreed to, and Mrs. Andrews was directed to write to Miss Nutting for full particulars of the course, and it was agreed that the matter should be brought before the annual meeting of the League on June 25th next.

Mrs. Fenwick pointed out that the knowledge of such a scholar would be of the utmost use in organising such a course for matrons in England, and that, moreover, the time was rapidly approaching when, under the Nurses' Registration Act, such knowledge would be invaluable for teachers and inspectors of nursing—a new, and she hoped a well paid, branch of work for trained nurses which the organisation of nursing as a profession under statutory authority would make obligatory.

An Hon. Secretary was nominated subject to her consent to act.

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