

Leigh, Matron of the Cleveland St. Branch of the Central London Sick Asylum.

In Scotland two Associations have been formed, membership of which is open to registered medical practitioners and nurses, and an Association of Hospital Matrons, entitled the Scottish Matrons' Association, has also been organised.

I am pleased to report that the two Leagues in connection with the Central London Sick Asylum are to-day applying for affiliation with our Council.

VI.

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES.

Our relations with the International Council of Nurses continue to be most cordial, and next year we shall again come into active communication with the nurses of the world in helping the President, Sister Agnes Karll, with the preliminary organisation of the coming triennial meeting to be held at Cologne in 1912, when it is to be hoped our Council will take as active a part in Germany as the German Nurses' Association took in London in 1909. It is satisfactory to learn that the organised Nurses' Associations in several countries have already notified their desire to enter and affiliate with the International Council of Nurses.

VII.

AN INTERNATIONAL NURSING LIBRARY.

One of the most important pieces of work which has been undertaken by this Council is the formation of an International Nursing Library to provide for future generations of nurses a complete record of the evolution of nursing in the various countries. This work is in the hands of Mrs. Stabb, as Chairman of the Library Standing Committee, and I am pleased to report that we are receiving copies of a large number of professional nursing journals.

Miss M. M. Cureton has presented a complete file to date of the *BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING*, 44 volumes, and your President a complete file of the *American Journal of Nursing*, which she intends to have bound, also a complete file of bound copies of the official organ of the Royal British Nurses' Association, the *Nurses' Journal*, 20 volumes. Personally, I consider this the most important piece of work which the Council has undertaken.

VIII.

THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL.

The work of the Council during the past year has not been so active as we might have desired, but all forceful movements take long to gain public confidence and support, and the nurses of the United Kingdom have ranged against their justifiable right of association strong and rich vested interests, which have exercised the reactionary pressure which can always be brought to bear upon the economic condition of a class of woman workers.

But, when associated with courage and loyalty to professional ideals, the law of evolution grinds all petty tyrannies beneath its progressive wheel, and it is our duty to ensure that it grinds exceedingly small.

ETHEL G. FENWICK.

The adoption of the report was proposed by Miss Cox-Davies, and seconded by Miss Musson. The report was then discussed.

The President proposed that the Council should institute in memory of their dear friend, Miss Isla Stewart, a yearly Lecture or Oration dedicated to the work to which she devoted her life and splendid talents.

This proposal was most warmly received, and was seconded by Miss Cox-Davies, and supported by Miss Musson, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Kingsford, Miss Forrest, and others, and, having been unanimously agreed to by the meeting, it was also arranged that an honorarium of £5 should be paid to the Lecturer to cover expenses.

Miss Cox-Davies further proposed, and it was agreed, that the Isla Stewart Oration should be endowed, so that its continuance should be secured. It was decided that the Oration should be delivered annually on the anniversary of her lamented death, if possible.

It was agreed that consideration of the communication from Miss van Lanschot Hubrecht should be deferred so that the information desired should be as up-to-date as possible for the triennial meeting in 1912.

HYGIENE AND MORALITY.

An interesting discussion took place on this topic, and it was agreed that a short course of lectures should be arranged for nurses on "The Nursing of Venereal Diseases," to be held in London during the winter, the arrangements to be left to the President and Miss Cox-Davies.

NURSING IN PRISONS.

It was agreed that the President should communicate with Mrs. St. John, R.R.C., of the Penal Reform League, who had expressed sympathy with the suggestions of the Council on prison nursing reform with a view to co-operation.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

Miss Forrest, Hon. Treasurer, presented the Financial Report, which showed a balance in hand of £22 4s. 3d.

The Reports were then adopted.

ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS.

Miss Beatrice Cutler and Miss Forrest were unanimously re-elected Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer respectively.

Mrs. Kildare Treacy, a retiring Director, was elected Vice-President, and Miss Kelly, Lady Superintendent, Dr. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin, and Miss Cox-Davies, Matron, Royal Free Hospital, were elected Directors in the places of Mrs. Kildare Treacy and Miss Todd.

APPLICATIONS FOR AFFILIATION.

The Central London Sick Asylum Nurses' League, Hendon Branch, membership 91; President, Miss Elma Smith; and the Central London Sick Asylum Nurses' League, Cleveland Street Branch, membership 59, Presi-

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