

THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

A General Meeting of the League was held in the Clinical Lecture Theatre at St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Saturday, November 25th. Miss Cox-Davies the President was in the chair.

Mrs. Andrews was unanimously re-elected Hon. Secretary to the evident satisfaction of the members.

Miss E. M. Hunter was elected a fraternal Delegate to represent the League at the Meeting of the International Council of Nurses and Congress to be held in Cologne in August, 1912.

THE ISLA STEWART MEMORIAL.

Mrs. Shuter, Hon. Secretary, presented a statement from The Isla Stewart Memorial Sub-Committee in which she reported that the following members formed the Sub-Committee. Miss Cox-Davies, Mrs. Andrews, Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Mrs. Victor Bonney, Miss Cutler, Miss Mollett, Miss Campbell, Miss Whitley, Miss Musson, Miss H. L. Pearse, Miss Kingsford, Miss Simpkin (Sister Hope), Miss Nevie, Miss Hunter, and Mrs. Shuter. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick had accepted the invitation to act as Chairman, and Mrs. Shuter as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. The sub-committee agreed to propose that the Memorial should be of an educational character, if possible to found a scholarship or scholarships in the name of Miss Isla Stewart in connection with some Women's College in England, where it was hoped that in the near future the Science Course now existing at these colleges might be extended to meet the needs of trained nurses desirous of qualifying themselves for teaching and administrative work in Nursing Schools, by the organization of a Department of Nursing and Health.

It was calculated that £3,000 would be required for this purpose, and the proposal was to take time to obtain it through the co-operation of the members of the League by annual subscriptions from them, or by donations and subscriptions through collecting cards from the public interested in the higher education of trained nurses, education ultimately for their own benefit. The help of all was hoped for, subscriptions from 1s. and upwards would be gladly accepted, so that all might be able to support the Memorial according to their means. No time limit was suggested, the Fund was to remain open until the £3,000 had been secured.

Miss A. M. Bird proposed, and Miss E. Richardson seconded that the Report be accepted. The scheme was supported by Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Fenwick, Miss Todd, Miss Kingsford, Miss Musson, and others, Miss Musson observing that if each member collected £4 the sum would be secured, and it was setting themselves to repay a very small proportion of what they all owed to their Founder.

Mrs. Fenwick said that in accepting the Report the scheme suggested would become the Memorial

of the League, otherwise the scheme would be carried out independently. If adopted by the League the fund should have a distinct title, and the Committee might be enlarged and be made more representative.

Ultimately the following resolution put from the Chair was carried unanimously "That the League adopt the scheme and the sub-committee be empowered to go forward." It was agreed to call the Committee "The Isla Stewart Memorial Committee," and that it should have power to add to its number from members of the League.

NURSES AND THE INSURANCE BILL.

Several resolutions were then considered and it was unanimously agreed to petition the Chancellor of the Exchequer to place the words "fully trained" in Clause 17 of the Insurance Bill, before the words "nurses" and "district nurses," and also that a "fully trained nurse" might be placed upon the Advisory Committee provided for in the Bill. Mrs. Fenwick reported that Mr. Munro Ferguson has kindly consented to move amendments at the Report Stage of the Bill in this sense. (In the Bill as amended in Committee, Clause 17 is now Clause 20.)

Further, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

"That the Members of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses in General Meeting assembled, beg to press upon the Government the urgent necessity for the passing of the Nurses' Registration Bill next Session."

The Hon. Secretary was directed to forward the Resolutions to the Members of the Cabinet.

After an animated meeting the members held a Social Gathering in the Nurses' House, where they enjoyed the usual sumptuous tea and hospitality.

THE ISLA STEWART MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

A Meeting of the Committee will be held on Wednesday, December 6th, at 4.30 p.m., at 431, Oxford Street, London, W., so that immediate action may be taken to carry out the Scheme adopted.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

DESCRIBE THE COMMON CAUSES AND SYMPTOMS OF HEADACHE AND HOW THEY CAN BE RELIEVED.

We have pleasure in awarding the prize this week to Miss A. Phipps, St. George's Infirmary, London, E., for the following article:

Headache is commonly met with as a symptom in diseases both organic and functional.

This is largely due to the connection of the whole nerve supply, which is distributed to all the organs and tissues of the body, the

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