

The report of the Executive showed that there were 178 nurses on the roll at the close of the year on September 30th, 1913. Since then nine have been elected, making the present number 187. The number of cases attended for the year was 2,032, and the amount earned by the nurses was £14,131.

The balance-sheet showed a surplus of £264.

Lord Rowallan, in moving the adoption of the report and financial statement, said they had a great deal to congratulate themselves on in the management of that institution. Everybody spoke well of it, and it seemed to make steady progress year after year.

Lord Dean of Guild Roxburgh seconded, and the report was adopted.

Dr. John Barlow, president of the Royal Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, moved the reappointment of the office-bearers, with the addition of four nurses on the Executive, and the motion was seconded and approved.

The co-operation owes its inception to Miss Helen M. Rough, and to her judgment and organizing ability is due much of the success which the association has attained. Members pay 10 per cent. for the first two years, 7½ per cent. for five years, falling then to 5 per cent. No nurse is admitted to the general staff unless she can produce a certificate of three years' continuous training in a recognized general hospital of at least 150 beds. In addition she must also have maternity or fever training.

Under the auspices of the Scottish Nurses' Association a dance, attended by some 400 guests, was held on the 20th inst. in the Charing Cross Halls, Glasgow. The guests were received by the Marchioness of Ailsa (one of the honorary vice-presidents), and the company included Mrs. Strong (formerly of the Royal Infirmary and president of the Association).

In replying to a vote of thanks, Lady Ailsa said she hoped that the nurses would continue to follow their ideal, for they could have none higher than that of being good and splendid nurses; for that meant that they must have all the ideals and characteristics of good and splendid women.

The dance was a great success, and all agreed that it was a most enjoyable function.

We are told that the inconveniences of the strike of transport workers in Dublin touch the residents at every point. For instance, surgical dressings are almost unprocurable—and a nurse crossing from England last week conveyed a good supply as private luggage!

LEGAL MATTERS.

In connection with the case which we reported in our issue of November 15th, concerning a Sister at the Lodge Moor Hospital, Sheffield, the City Hospitals' Committee, after hearing a report from the Town Clerk of the proceedings, at which it will be remembered the case was dismissed by the Stipendiary, adopted an expression of opinion which we are pleased to publish.

It should be mentioned that a similar summons was taken out against Dr. Egerton H. Williams Medical Superintendent of the hospital, but after the Stipendiary's decision in the case of the first summons, the prosecuting solicitor said he did not propose to offer any evidence, and the case was withdrawn.

The statement by the Committee is as follows:

"The Committee, knowing not only what took place in Court, but the circumstances which gave rise to the allegations against Dr. Williams and Sister Scott, which were made after the parents had expressed their gratitude to the Medical Superintendent and Nursing Staff for their efforts to save the child, and only after more than ten weeks had elapsed from the death of the child, wish to express their opinion that the allegations made against Dr. Williams and Sister Scott were altogether unwarranted, and they take this opportunity of expressing their entire confidence in Dr. Williams and Sister Scott and the administration of the City Hospitals, as they know from the grateful testimony of many patients and their friends that the Hospitals are highly appreciated."

THE PASSING BELL.

We regret to record the death of Miss Martha Mairs, a probationer at the Shropshire Infirmary, Shrewsbury, who died on November 19th, when under an anæsthetic administered with a view to an operation for an abscess in her throat. The operation was performed, but Miss Mairs died almost immediately. At the subsequent inquest, the jury returned a verdict of "death from shock."

Another of the few remaining nurses who were with Miss Nightingale in the Crimea has passed away by the death of Mrs. Rebecca Box, an inmate of the Royal Cambridge Asylum for Soldiers' Widows. Mrs. Box was herself severely wounded through the explosion of a Russian mine, and in India where she subsequently followed her husband's regiment (The Old King's Own) she barely escaped sharing the fate of the victims of Cawnpore during the Mutiny.

Miss Beatrice Kent, who gave personal service in the Poster Parade of Protest, has also generously given £1 towards the expense of circulating the Nurses' Protest against association with Queenie Gerald. She has a high conception of her obligations as a member of the State Registration Society.

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