

## LEAGUE OF ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Annual Business Meeting of the League of Royal Free Hospital Nurses was held at the Royal Free Hospital, W.C., on Saturday last, the President, Miss R. Cox-Davies, being in the chair. The room was well filled with members, amongst those present being Mrs. Ludlow, R.R.C., a former Matron (Miss Barton), and Miss Wohlman, who has held the position of Matron in Q.A.I.M.N.S., specially welcomed by the President, as well as former Sisters of the hospital now holding Matrons' posts.

Satisfactory reports were presented by the Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, the latter showing a substantial balance in hand.

Miss Dalton, Matron of the City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, Victoria Park, E., was re-elected Treasurer, the President pointing out that Miss Dalton had kept most watchful guard over their finances in the past, and, as she was willing to serve, they could not possibly do better than thank her for her past services and re-elect her.

Miss Rednall, who has acted as Hon. Secretary from its inception, and done a considerable amount of work during its organization, was also accorded a hearty vote of thanks, and Miss Cook (Sister Marsden) elected in her place. Miss Clarke (late Sister Housekeeper) was appointed to the vacant place on the Executive Committee.

The next business before the meeting was a Resolution proposed by Miss C. W. Clephan:—

"THAT THE LEAGUE OF ROYAL FREE HOSPITAL NURSES BE AFFILIATED TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES."

This was seconded by Miss Batten.

The President said that Miss Clephan had made the same proposal at the last meeting, but it was felt to be too important to decide without full notice. Accordingly its consideration had been postponed until the present meeting, and full notice given on the Agenda. She then asked Miss M. Breay to describe the organization of the National Council, after which discussion was invited, the result being that the members decided to apply forthwith for affiliation.

At the conclusion of the business meeting, a most dainty tea was served in the Sisters' Sitting Room, the chairman of the hospital, Mr. Alfred Langton, being amongst those who honoured the League with their presence.

## THE TRAINED WOMEN NURSES' FRIENDLY SOCIETY.

The First Annual Meeting of the above Society was held on December 4th at the Medical Society's Rooms, 11, Chandos Street, London, W. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick presided. The Report of the Committee of Management, read by the Secretary, was of a very satisfactory nature. As payment of sick benefit only started in January, a year's audited accounts could not yet be presented, but an interim balance-sheet showed that only £373 3s. 11d. had been expended in clerical and office expenses—including furniture, account books, &c.—so that the cost of administration had been effected with the minimum of expenditure; £441 17s. 9d. had been paid out in Sick Benefit—to 175 members, some of whom were still on the funds. The report emphasised the fact that sick benefit was paid to all members of the Society while in hospital, which is not the rule in all Approved Societies.

A number of Amendments to and Alterations to the Rules were considered and adopted, to be submitted to the National Insurance Commission.

### ELECTION OF HON. OFFICERS.

The following Hon. Officers were elected:—  
*President.*—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick.

*Vice-President.*—Miss D. Finch, Matron, University College Hospital.

*Trustees.*—Mr. H. W. Maynard, Mr. H. Dixon-Kimber, and Mr. T. W. Craig.

### COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

Miss Acton, Miss Bird, Miss Breay, Miss Böge, Miss Buckingham, Miss Bushby, Miss Cartwright, Miss Cox-Davies, Miss Cutler, Miss Eden, Miss Fowler, Miss Kent, Miss Kingsford, Miss Knight, Miss Morgan, Miss O'Brien, Miss Pearse, Miss Riddell, Miss A. Smith, Miss Elma Smith, Miss Waing, and Miss Winmill.

It was agreed that the Annual Meeting should be held in the month of May to receive the year's audited accounts.

In reply to a vote of thanks to the Hon. Officers, the President proposed a vote of thanks to the members of the Committee of Management—many of whom, she was pleased to see, had been re-elected—for their constant attendance and hard work during the past year, and also to Miss Maddock, the Secretary, for her keen interest in the welfare of the Society, and help to the Committee in its deliberations.

The Meeting then terminated.

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