

Miss Mary Braye, Matron, Swithland Convalescent Home, Woodhouse Eaves, near Loughborough.

Miss H. M. Porteous, Matron, Cottage Hospital, Fleet, Hants.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mrs. Walter Spencer presented a very satisfactory balance sheet, the balance in hand at the close of the financial year being £13 os. 10d.

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Miss Mollett reported the meetings which had taken place during the year, and it was agreed that the addresses and papers read at these meetings should be printed in the Annual Report.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following ladies were elected Vice-Presidents, in the place of Miss Breay, Miss Burleigh, Miss Macintyre, and Miss Wright, who retired by rotation:—Miss Bushby (Special Hospitals), Miss A. Lee Smith (District Nursing), Miss M. Lord (Mental Nursing), Miss S. A. Villiers (Fever Nursing).

Mrs. Walter Spencer was re-elected Treasurer, the Council being unanimously of opinion that, so long as Mrs. Spencer would consent to act, its financial security was assured.

In responding to the very hearty vote of thanks accorded her, Mrs. Spencer said that her task was really a light one.

The Chairman then announced that Miss Mollett did not seek re-election as Hon. Secretary. They could not compel her services if she wished to retire, but she was sure that all the members would wish to offer her their warmest thanks and gratitude for her work for the last four years.

Mrs. Fenwick then said that Miss A. E. Hulme, who was well known for her deep interest in the welfare of nurses, had been nominated as Hon. Secretary, and was willing to serve if elected.

On the proposition of Miss Mollett, Miss Hulme was unanimously elected, and Mrs. Fenwick conveyed to her the pleasure of the Council in welcoming her to office.

Responding, Miss Hulme said that she had the aims and objects of the Matrons' Council very much at heart, and would do her best to forward them.

THE NEXT MEETING.

On the cordial invitation of Miss Pote-Hunt, it was unanimously agreed to hold the next meeting of the Council at Rochester in April. An invitation to the Council from Miss E. R. Wortabet to visit Hindhead (where she is

Superintendent of an up-to-date Nursing Home) was received with much pleasure, and it was left to the Hon. Secretary to confer with Miss Wortabet on the subject.

The Chairman then gave some very interesting information as to the arrangements for the meeting of the International Council of Nurses at San Francisco next year, after which tea was served, and a brisk sale was effected in Registration literature.

ANNIE E. HULME,

Hon. Secretary.

THE DINNER.

At seven o'clock some of the members re-assembled at the Florence Restaurant, Rupert Street, W., where they entertained Miss Mollett to dinner. It was an informal and gay affair, and was unanimously voted a great success. Mrs. Bedford Fenwick—to whose happy inspiration this pleasant function was due—presided, having the guest of honour on her right hand, and Mrs. Spencer, who had so successfully made the necessary arrangements, was at the opposite end of the table.

No better selection as to place could have been made. The restaurant, which has recently been re-decorated, looked charming, the crystal chandeliers overhead, and the low lights on the table proving most effective, and the choice of music very enlivening. All agreed that the dinner was excellent.

Mrs. Fenwick, proposing the toast of the evening, said that the dinner, which was entirely informal, had been convened by a few of Miss Mollett's friends to prove to her their appreciation of her work for the Matrons' Council during the last four years. They felt somewhat aggrieved that Miss Mollett had transferred her affections from matrons to chickens. Mrs. Fenwick spoke of the honourable part taken by Miss Mollett in promoting the movement for the State Registration of Trained Nurses since its inception twenty-seven years ago. She had been associated with all the principal organizations founded to help to bring it into effect. Those who had been the projectors of the proposal for State Registration knew that the conscience of British women had inspired it. When they realized what had been done by nurses all over the world, so that now no less than 48 Acts were to be found on the Statute Books of various countries and States, they felt that this great and glorious country, which had done so much for the world, should have been the first in achievement in connection with this reform, conducive to a high standard of national health, and the elevation of women's work. They realized,

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