

£2,093, nevertheless, owing to the closing of the Gourrock Branch Home, and other economies, there is a surplus of £165 4s. 5d. on the accounts for the year, on which Miss Rough, the Lady Superintendent, and the Committee are to be congratulated.

Since the outbreak of war in the first week of August, 1914, 84 nurses on the staff of the Co-operation have gone to Army service, to help in the nursing of our soldiers. Eleven of these have returned, leaving 73 still on war duty. A few more have offered their services, and are waiting to be called. Of the nurses engaged in Army nursing, 26 are at Stobhill. Some are in France, Egypt, Serbia, Malta and Gibraltar, others are now at Netley and other hospitals in the South. They write to Miss Rough and the nurses at the Home in a bright and hopeful manner. They appear to enjoy their work, and to feel that nothing is too much for the brave lads who are so grateful for their care. It is gratifying to the Committee that many of these nurses are filling prominent positions.

### SCOTTISH MATRONS' ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meeting of the Scottish Matrons' Association was held in the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, on Saturday, March 4th, 1916, Miss Gill, R.R.C., President, in the chair, and fifty-five members were present.

After the usual preliminary business, the Chairman, in her opening remarks, congratulated the four members who had received the decoration of the Royal Red Cross since last meeting; and also congratulated Miss Bowhill, Perth, on her safe return from Serbia.

The Annual Report, which had been circulated to the Executive, was taken as read.

The re-election of President, five Vice-Presidents, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer, and Secretary, was moved and carried, and two members of Council were also re-elected; and two new Council members—Miss Moseley, Oakbank Hospital, Glasgow, and Miss Peterkin, Q.V.J.N.I., Scottish Branch—were appointed in place of two—Miss Merchant, Eastern District Hospital, Glasgow, and Miss Berwick, Sick Poor Nursing Association, Q.V.J.N.I., 218, Bath Street, Glasgow—who retired in rotation.

Four new members were elected:—Miss Baillie, Maternity and Women's Hospital, Glasgow; Miss Gemmill, The Hospital, Kirkcaldy; Miss Pike, Cottage Hospital, Liberton, Midlothian; Miss Urquhart, Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital, Glasgow. One resignation

was received with regret—Miss Kinross, The Infirmary, Berwick.

The Roll of Honour was read, showing twenty-one members engaged on active service.

The Hon. Secretary reported that the "Edith Cavell Memorial" Fund, Scotland, now amounted to £719 5s. 10d.; that of this sum £600 was already invested, and that the Fund is still open, as further subscriptions have been promised.

A letter was read from Miss Scott Cavell, Hull and East Riding Convalescent Home, Withernsea, expressing interest in and warm approval of the scheme.

A Committee was appointed to administer the Fund, with Miss Graham, 15, Alva Street, Edinburgh, as Hon. Secretary. The Committee will shortly be in a position to hear from applicants for annuities; these must be Scottish nurses, and all inquiries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary.

A discussion took place regarding the Scottish Midwives Act, and the following Resolution was proposed by Miss Turnbull, certified midwife, Matron, Church of Scotland Deaconess Hospital, Edinburgh, seconded by Miss Peterkin, certified midwife, Superintendent, Q.V.J.N.I., Scottish Branch:—"We, the members of the Scottish Matrons' Association, acting in the interests of the midwives of Scotland, and of the nursing profession, in view of the fact that midwives themselves are not at present represented on the Midwives Board for Scotland, would petition the Board to establish the Roll immediately, so that the Lord President of the Council may, under the provisions of the Act, appoint two qualified midwives to act on the Board; and we further urge that the Rules and Regulations for the control and practice of midwifery in Scotland should not be framed until after the appointment of such midwives."

On the motion of the Chairman, it was agreed "that intimation of this Resolution be made to the Central Midwives Board for Scotland."

Some time was given to the consideration of the proposed College of Nursing. The Chairman, representing the Association, attended the meeting in London, when Mr. Stanley explained the Scheme to the delegates of various nursing societies present. A full account of the proceedings of this meeting had been published.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting in Perth in the end of May, by kind invitation of Miss Bowhill.

Votes of thanks to the Chairman and to Miss Melrose concluded the meeting, and afterwards the members were entertained to tea by Miss Melrose.

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