

which was in hand at the beginning of the year left a sum of £118 13s. 1d. in hand; but this would be greatly reduced by the printing of the Register of Guy's Hospital Nurses. As the Governors had promised to help with building the extension to the Cottage as soon as the war is over the League had not asked for the grant of £300 they had given for several years. Now that the debt on the Cottage had been brought down to £1,000 the yearly subscriptions provided sufficient funds, if there were no extraordinary expenses. This year the subscription of the Sisters and Administrative Staff had been reduced from 10s. 6d. to 5s. and of the third year nurses from 12s. to 10s.

The League had voted £5 5s. to the Club started by Mrs. Robertson Eustace for Army Nurses in France as a slight recognition of the kindness members had received there.

The great number of Honours conferred on Guy's Nurses during the war were then enumerated. These have already been published in this journal.

Nearly 200 Guy's nurses were working in connection with the war in Egypt, Salonica, on the way to Mesopotamia via Bombay, in France, Flanders and British East Africa, and Nurse Plant was interned in German East Africa.

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL.

Miss Smith then announced the result of the ballot for the Election of members for the Year 1916, as under:—

Nurses' Library.—Sister Light (Miss Payne) and Nurse Claxton.

Photographic Society.—Sister Mary (Miss Edmonds), and Nurse F. Edwardes.

Needlework.—Sister Naaman (Miss New) and Nurse S. Taylor.

Swimming Club.—Sister Violet and Nurse Hughes.

Nurses' Choral Society.—Sister Queen (Miss Hinds) and Nurse Wadlow.

Nurses' Tennis Club.—Sister Astley Cooper (Miss Maher), and Nurse Burton.

Nurses' Debating Society.—Sister Kirby and Nurse Macfarlane.

Mrs. Fagge, Mrs. Charters Symonds and Miss Webster were elected Hon. Members of the Council.

On the proposition of Miss Sheldon, votes of thanks were accorded to the outgoing officers. Mrs. Cameron, Mrs. Lauriston Shaw, and Miss Sheldon have been appointed by the House Committee their representatives for the ensuing year.

A most cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Smith for all her work for the League.

THE COLLEGE OF NURSING.

Miss Haughton then gave a brief account of the foundation and objects of the College of Nursing, Ltd., and expressed the hope that it would not for long be known under that title, as one of its principal objects was to get a Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses. They wanted to acknowledge all the work which had been done by the Society for the State Registration of

Trained Nurses; and by Mrs. Bedford Fenwick for over 20 years.

One of their objects was to establish a Register, and they hoped, by getting it ready that they would be doing much of the work which would have to be done when the Bill was passed.

Miss Swift said Miss Haughton had not left much for her to say, but perhaps she realized more vividly than those in institution life how utterly things in the nursing world would be changed after the war.

After the Crimean War a forward movement was made in the organization of modern nursing, now it was time to make another move forward. (Long past time.—Ed.).

When questions were invited the inevitable one was at once put.

"Are you going to register V.A.D.s on the College Register, or what are you going to do with them?"

Miss Swift replied it must be realized that the wounded could not have been successfully nursed without the V.A.D.s to do some of the work, there were 12,000 in military hospitals alone. It would be for hospital trained nurses to regulate the examinations of the V.A.D.s.

Miss Haughton said the V.A.D.s would not go on the Trained Nurses' Register.

In reply to a question as to the qualification to be required of trained nurses, Miss Haughton said that part was not settled. Nurses now in work must be recognized, there must be a time of grace. She expressed the hope that the College would have a fine building in a central position in London. They hoped for a large endowment from some generous donors, as a memorial of the war. By the time they had the building and the money they hoped to get an agreed Nurses' Registration Bill. There would be two subscriptions. Nurses would be put on the Register for half-a-crown, but to be Members of the College they would pay five instalments of 5s., or £1 in one sum.

After the business meeting some interesting lantern slides, from photographs taken by Sister Jentie Paterson before cameras were prohibited at the front were shown.

Our illustration of the Nurses' Home is one of a charming set taken by Miss M. Smith. M. B.

IN AID OF STATE REGISTRATION.

The President of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses acknowledges with grateful thanks a donation of £10 from James Carnegie, Esq., through Miss E. M. Parker, a trained nurse registered in New Zealand, who having experienced the benefit of State protection, has interested Mr. Carnegie in the question. She writes, "I hope the subscription will be an assistance in the good cause. To one who has nursed under the protection of State Registration it is impossible to see there is any other side to the question, except from a commercial standpoint."

Miss Renaut sends 5s.; Miss E. Orchison, 5s.; Anon., per Miss Kent, 2s.; Miss F. E. Batt, 1s. 6d.; Miss E. A. Johnston, 1s. 6d.; Miss J. E. Wells, 1s.

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