

Many very important questions required consideration before the next Session of Parliament, which it was the duty of thoughtful nurses to consider.

The President of the Union, Miss A. M. Bushby, proposed a vote of thanks to the speakers and the Chair, and a very interesting and enjoyable Conference terminated. M. B.

### THE LEAGUE OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL NURSES.

The Summer General Meeting of the League of St. Bartholomew's Hospital Nurses was held in the Clinical Theatre at the Hospital on Saturday, July 1st. Miss Cox Davies, the President, who was in the chair, was wearing the Royal Red Cross recently conferred upon her.

Before the business was proceeded with Miss Cutler read the list of members of the League who had received distinction since the last meeting.

*Royal Red Cross, First Class.*—Miss M. R. Acton, Miss J. Clay, Miss G. Larner, Miss M. Rundle, Miss A. E. Holmes.

*Royal Red Cross, Second Class.*—Miss E. Monck Mason, Miss D. Mudie, Miss H. Simpson, Miss Whitley Cooze, Miss A. E. Harris, Miss D. Minchin.

*Mentioned in Despatches.*—By General Haig, from France: Miss Paterson (Sister Mary), Miss E. M. Duncum, Miss M. Cockshott, Miss A. White, Miss A. Wilson, Miss E. Johnson, Miss D. Foster, Miss E. Gordon. By General Maxwell, from Egypt: Miss A. Stubble and Miss K. Lowe. From East Africa: Miss Maulton (now Mrs. Cooper).

It was agreed to send the congratulations of the League to these members.

#### REPORTS.

The first Report was that of the Treasurer, presented by Mrs. Shuter, who notified a balance in hand of £64 14s. 10d. on the current account, besides in the Reserve Fund £100 War Loan Stock at 4½ per cent., and a Balance at the Bank of £10 14s. 11d.

The President announced that Mrs. Shuter had asked to be relieved of the work of Hon. Treasurer, though she would keep it on till October, and a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to her. It was hoped that Mrs. Turnbull would then consent to act.

The General Report presented by Miss Cutler notified that 67 new members had been elected during the year, and 4 had resigned. The League had lost through death Miss M. A. Buckingham (Matron of the Queen's Hospital, Birmingham), Miss Graham (Sister Coborn), and Miss McConnal. The League had now 884 members; 10 had been decorated with the Royal Red Cross First Class, 13 Second Class, and 17 Mentioned in Despatches. Mrs. Andrews had represented the League at two meetings convened to consider the College of Nursing, and Miss Curtis at the third. Miss Le Geyt had been appointed to succeed Miss Milne as the representative of the League on the

Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

The President had tendered her resignation but had been asked by the Executive to reconsider it, and had consented to do so for the present.

The President remarked that the League was extraordinarily alive and healthy and the Report was accepted.

It was reported there had been no calls on the Benevolent Fund during the year.

The Scrutineers then made their report on the voting papers for the new members of the Executive in place of Lady Baddeley, Miss Bramwell, Miss E. Hunter, and Miss Rundle, and Mrs. Turnbull, Miss Finch, Mrs. Shore, and Miss C. Hayes were declared to be elected.

Miss J. Curtis was elected Vice-President in succession to Miss E. M. Waind.

#### THE ISLA STEWART MEMORIAL FUND.

Mrs. Shuter reported that at the last summer meeting of the League she had stated that £8 was needed to bring the Fund up to £500. Before the end of the month she had received £19, one member wishing to give the whole of the £8. She had been helped by Miss Stewart in a time of difficulty and felt that she could in this way partially defray her debt. £21 6s. 4d. interest on investments had been received. The amount invested was £505, and a further sum of £25 had been invested in Exchequer Bonds on June 23rd.

#### REPORT FROM THE DELEGATE ON THE SOCIETY FOR STATE REGISTRATION.

The following Report was presented by Miss Le Geyt, the Delegate of the League, on the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses:—

#### MADAM PRESIDENT AND LADIES,

I have much pleasure, as your Delegate, in presenting the following short report of the work of State Registration.

During the first year of the War there was a tacit understanding in most of the Societies connected with the economic status of women that there should be no active propaganda while members were so fully engaged in the immediate necessities of the times, but from the date (December 30th last) on which the Nursing College scheme was first propounded in a circular letter issued by the Hon. Arthur Stanley, the Society for State Registration of Trained Nurses has been exceptionally active and alert.

In the Fourteenth Annual Report mention is made that the Executive has met no less than six times and transacted a large amount of business, also that a Nurses' Protection Committee has been formed with Miss E. B. Kingsford as Chairman. Five hundred and twenty-six new Members have been elected, bringing the total number of those who have joined the Society up to 4,100.

It is desired that I draw the attention of the newly attending members of the League to the new Form of Application for membership, in

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