

2. The usual examinations have been held in October, 1917, when seventy-five candidates entered, and fifty-five were successful; and in April, 1918, when one hundred and one candidates entered and eighty four were successful.

3. No change has been made in the constitution of the Council, and no annual meeting will be held.

4. Your Council regret to report the resignation from the Hon. Secretaryship of Miss Morgan. To her work as Hon. Secretary much of the success of the Association is due, and your Council desires to place on record its appreciation of her invaluable services.

5. Your Council has pleasure in reporting that Miss Drakard has consented to take the post of Hon. Secretary in Miss Morgan's stead.

6. The position of the movement of the State Registration of trained Nurses has made but little advance during the past year. The projected amalgamation of the Royal British Nurses' Association and the College of Nursing, Ltd., has broken down in consequence of certain alterations in the draft of the new Charter required by the Privy Council not proving acceptable to the Royal British Nurses' Association, although agreed to by the College of Nursing.

Notwithstanding the existence of certain differences in the policy of the College of Nursing, Ltd., and that of the Central Committee for State Registration, more especially in regard to the composition of the Provisional Council, which are regarded by both bodies as important, and which have hitherto proved incapable of adjustment, it is hoped that success may ultimately be achieved and that an agreed Bill may be drafted satisfactory to both parties.

7. The Hon. Treasurer reports that the financial position of the Association is satisfactorily maintained, the balance at the close of the financial year showing a slight increase over each of the two preceding years.

Although there has been a falling off in the amount received in annual subscriptions, owing no doubt, to causes incidental to the war, it is satisfactory to note that the deficit has been more than counterbalanced by an increase in the number of new members and a lessened expenditure during the past year.

8. The Association is once more indebted to Mr. W. H. Jarratt for kindly giving his services as auditor.

9. In bringing its Report to a close, your Council desires again to thank the Metropolitan Asylums Board for its great kindness in granting to the Association the use of a room for its various Committee meetings.

J. BIERNACKI, *Chairman.*

Several nurses trained at the Norwich Infirmary under Miss Barnes, Superintendent Nurse, are now serving abroad or doing military nursing in England, and are no doubt keeping up the high reputation attained at this excellent training school.

## SCOTTISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

### A CLUB FOR NURSES IN GLASGOW.

A movement has been promoted by the Scottish Nurses' Association to establish in Glasgow a club for nurses. The idea of having such an institution in the city has been entertained for a considerable time, and early in the spring of last year a club on a small scale was instituted by way of an experiment. Two rooms at 103, Bath Street were rented by the Association, and furnished, the one as an office, the other as a sitting-room. Here nurses, on payment of a small annual subscription, were afforded accommodation of home-like comfort for writing letters, meeting friends, and enjoying social relaxation. The enterprise, the expense of which has been borne entirely by the nurses themselves, has proved very successful. Hundreds of nurses have joined the club, and the membership is steadily increasing. The experience of the organisers in this tentative undertaking has emphasised the desirability of the larger scheme which the Association have in contemplation. They are aiming at providing more commodious premises, in which nurses may find a home by night as well as by day, at an expenditure in keeping with their resources. Premises at 205, Bath Street, which is close to several railway stations, have been secured for the purpose, and sufficient support has already been promised to cover the cost of furnishings and the provision of a limited number of bedrooms. The intention is to maintain the institution on a self-supporting basis, the members of the club paying for the facilities they receive as they are doing at present in the case of the smaller club, but the scheme proposed involves a capital outlay of £10,000 to put it on a satisfactory foundation, and for that sum an appeal is now being made. Amongst those who have promised to act as trustees for the purchase and equipment of the premises, are several well-known friends of nurses, including Mrs. Strong, the President of the Association. The promoters of the scheme were encouraged to proceed by Sir Thomas Dunlop when he was Lord Provost of the city, and his successor, Mr. J. W. Stewart, is now taking an active interest in the realisation of the enterprise.

We learn that the nurse members of the club have made such a success of the management of their tea-room and other arrangements that there is little doubt the new venture will be a great success. Anyway, they are to be encouraged to manage their own affairs, and enjoy complete freedom from official restraint.

We regret that, owing to pressure on our space, reports of a meeting of the Poor Law Infirmary Matrons' Association, and of the annual meeting of the Bradford Nurses' League are unavoidably held over.

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