

He moved the adoption of the Report.

This was seconded by Miss Beatrice Kent, who said the Report was a record of excellent work, and that when we thought of the work we thought also of the workers. They owed Miss Macdonald, the Secretary, a great deal. She was a strenuous worker, and loved the Association as a mother loves her child. Most of them were aware how much they owed to their Medical Hon. Secretary. His work for the Association was often done at great inconvenience, and she spoke for herself, and for all, in thanking him for what he had done and what he was going to do.

She thought Mr. Paterson's criticism of nurses to some extent just, but at the present time there were evidences of the quickening of the spirit of solidarity. In this the International Council of Nurses and the professional journals had played their part. The time was coming when a nurse who did not take in a professional journal would be a *rara avis* in the adverse sense.

Concluding, Miss Kent spoke of the pride of the nursing profession in its members. The spirit of those who had endured martyrdom in the cause of freedom had raised its standard very high.

The Report was then adopted.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT.

Dr. Kenneth Stewart then presented the Financial Report of the Hon. Treasurer. During the year the Association had incurred some heavy expenses, but these were absolutely necessary. The year had been one of great crisis and difficulty, and considerations in connection with expenditure had frequently to be regarded as of very secondary importance. Upon the whole he considered that, as a self-supporting association, the actual financial position, as shown by the balance sheet at the close of 1917, was satisfactory.

In conclusion, he thanked the nurses for the generosity shown by them to their Association, at a time when many of them were working for smaller salaries than usual, and when greater claims are made upon them. All must specially appreciate the spirit of independence shown by them in supporting their Association, and every effort would be made that the money they so generously subscribe be administered with proper economy and care, in order to promote their interests, and the progress of the honourable profession, which these contributions were intended to serve. Dr. Stewart concluded by moving the adoption of the Report.

This was seconded by Miss Sinzininex, who expressed the gratitude of the members to Dr. Stewart, and, commenting on Mr. Paterson's criticism of nurses, said that nurses had at any rate not shown themselves indifferent to their financial interests in appointing a Scotchman to look after them. The Financial Report was then adopted.

VICE-PRESIDENTS.

The President then announced that her sister, Princess Beatrice, Princess Arthur of Connaught, and Sir Owen Phillips had accepted the position

of Vice-President and that Sir Owen Phillips had given the Association a most generous donation of £300 to enable it to fight its way. "We have got to fight," said Her Royal Highness, "but I am not the slightest bit afraid that we shall come out on top so long as the members are united and loyal, and on their loyalty I depend as I have depended on it now for more than 30 years."

THE COUNCIL.

The scrutineers then handed in the result of the ballot for new members of the Council to replace those who retired after three years' service.

Medical Men.—Dr. A. P. Beddard, Mr. James Berry, F.R.C.S., Dr. King Brown, D.P.H., Dr. Foord Caiger, Dr. A. S. Currie, Dr. Stanley Hewitt, Dr. J. T. C. Laing, Inspector-General Maclean, R.N., Dr. McGregor Robertson, and Dr. Leonard Williams.

Matrons and Superintendents of Nurses.—Mrs. Bedford Fenwick, Miss Easton, Miss M. Heather-Bigg, R.R.C., Miss M. Hughes, Miss Huxley, Miss E. M. Roberts, R.R.C., Miss Scott, Miss Sinzininex, A.R.R.C., Mrs. Strong, Miss I. Sumner, R.R.C.

Sisters and Nurses.—Miss Bedwell, Miss M. Breay, Miss Cattell, Miss Davis, Miss Holmes, Miss B. Kent, Miss Liddiatt, Miss Sendall, Miss Sutton, and Miss Probert Williams.

The following were also elected members of the Council:—Dr. Eric Pritchard, Miss Helen Pearse, Miss Drakard and Miss Bertha Cave.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Votes of thanks were passed to the Auditors, Messrs. Pittman, Smyth and Aris; to the Solicitors who, the President stated, were most loyal and helpful to the Association, and to the Hon. Officers. Miss Bertha Cave, in moving this vote thanked them for something they had *not* done. They had not given up the Royal Charter and had guarded the interests of the members well. Their former Hon. Treasurer had, unfortunately, forsaken quality for quantity.

This was seconded by Miss Easton, and acknowledged on behalf of the Hon. Officers by Mrs. Campbell Thomson, the Nurse Hon. Secretary.

A vote of thanks to Her Royal Highness, the President, was carried enthusiastically by acclamation. In moving it Mr. Paterson said that the Princess had taken a deep personal interest in the affairs of the Association, and the question of its amalgamation with the College of Nursing, Ltd., and had not even allowed her private sorrows to interfere with her work for its welfare.

The meeting then terminated.

Duveen's Antique Shop in Bond Street, now occupied by the British Women's Hospital Committee, is to be used in future by Lady Cowdray for selling "gifts of any kind"—which are being advertised for in the press—for the benefit of the war charity, the Nation's Fund for Nurses. For lack of refined sensibility where professional women are concerned, commend us to the *nouveaux riches*.

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