

profession, and questions call for consideration which are of vital importance to them and to the nurses of the future.

One word to those who are not Members of the Association: the Royal Charter gives to the Royal British Nurses' Association prestige and powers which no other body of nurses in the Empire possesses or is ever likely to possess, powers granted to the *nurses* under the sign manual of a sovereign of the realm. The extent to which such powers shall be used to protect them and to promote their welfare is entirely dependent upon the nurses themselves, their comradeship, their willingness to unite with one another, and to line up under the banner of the Royal Charter, each stepping into her place in the Royal Corporation prepared to take her part as an architect in the building of a mighty fabric composed of individuals, each individual strengthening and being strengthened by the other. By the Royal Charter nurses are given the powers to form such an organization, and one so powerful that, if all the nurses in England would come forward to help, there is nothing within reason which it could not demand for them and *get*.

#### ROYAL RED CROSS.

The Royal Red Cross (second class) has been awarded to Miss Caroline Cattell, Matron of the Uffculme Military Hospital, Birmingham. Miss Cattell held appointments as Sister and, later, as Matron in Military Hospitals in France, between 1914 and 1916. Later, she acted as Sister in a Military Hospital in London, and left this for the appointment which she now holds. We notice that in the same list of awards, a similar honour has been conferred upon Miss Bertha Cattell (Sister Mary Peter of the Little Company of Mary), and the information will give pleasure to many of our members to whom these ladies are well known. Both are sisters of Miss Alice Cattell, a popular member of the Council of the R.B.N.A.

#### AFFILIATED SOCIETIES.

Since the General Meeting of the Corporation, information has reached us that the Scottish Nurses' Association has accepted the invitation of H.R.H. the President and the Council to become affiliated to the Corporation, and Miss Isabel E. Henderson has been nominated as its representative on the Council. Miss Henderson has been a member of the R.B.N.A. since 1909. The following Societies are also now affiliated:—The Matrons' Council of Great Britain and Ireland, the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, the National Union of Trained Nurses, the Irish Nurses' Association, and the Fever Nurses' Association.

(Signed) ISABEL MACDONALD,  
*Secretary to the Corporation.*

## 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 of the hospital on Saturday, June 29th. In the unavoidable absence of the President, Miss Helen Todd, the chair was taken by the senior Vice-President, Miss Juliet Curtis. Miss Todd wrote expressing her extreme regret at her absence, and saying that it was the first summer meeting of the League she had missed since its foundation; only urgent duty would have kept her away.

#### SATISFACTORY REPORTS.

Very satisfactory reports were presented. The Treasurer, Mrs. Turnbull, showed a balance in hand of over £67, after paying for three issues of *League News* in one year. Miss Cutler, the General Secretary, reported that forty-seven new members had joined during the year and one resigned, and that the League now numbered 973 members.

The decorations conferred on members of the League included a Military Medal bestowed upon Miss Dorothy Foster, two bars to the Royal Red Cross, and seven first-class and seventeen second class R.R.C.s, and two Serving Sisters of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem.

The Chairman said that many members of the League working on land and sea had gained decorations. The members of the League would like them to know how they valued their courage and work, and that we should welcome them on their return, with pleasure, love and gratitude.

We felt their good work was needed, for we saw the results of other work which was not so skilled, and we felt that our broken men needed the very best we had to give and the most skilled nursing care; therefore, when honours came to the skilled workers we rejoiced at this recognition.

Mrs. Matthews, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund reported a balance in hand of over £90. One grant of £10 had been made during the year.

#### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Miss M. Appleyard, R.R.C., and Miss Lister were elected members of the Executive Committee in place of the retiring members.

#### THE ISLA STEWART MEMORIAL.

Mrs. Shuter presented the Report of the Isla Stewart Memorial Standing Committee, which showed the total amount received to be £600, and an income from investments (including the £5 annual subscription of the League) of £30 per annum.

#### REPORT ON STATE REGISTRATION.

Miss Le Geyt, delegate of the League on the Executive Committee of the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, then presented her report, in which she said, in part:—

"In taking a general survey of the work of the Society during the past year, it would seem as

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