

Royal British Nurses' Association.

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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING.

A meeting of the General Council was held on April 24th, at 10, Orchard Street, when Dr. Kenneth Stewart, Hon. Treasurer, occupied the chair. The financial report showed an unusually heavy expenditure from the General and Helena Benevolent Funds. In the case of the former fund, Dr. Stewart said that a greater expenditure than usual had been justified by the necessity that the Chartered Corporation should take a very active part in doing what it could to promote the Registration Bill when it came before the House of Commons recently. Illness among the members accounted for the increased expenditure from the Benevolent Fund. The report of the Executive Committee indicated a steady increase in the numbers of nurses joining the Association and referred to the resignation of one and deep regret was expressed in connection with the death of Miss Barry, who was a member of the Association. Naturally, the report dealt chiefly with the progress of the Bill for the State Registration of Trained Nurses, full particulars regarding the present position of which have appeared in THE BRITISH JOURNAL OF NURSING. Various suggestions were made in connection with schemes which, on the passing of the Registration Bill, the Executive Committee would be called upon to draft and present to the Council for consideration.

THE TRAINED NURSES' ANNUITY FUND.

The annual meeting of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund was held on Tuesday, April 15th, Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian presided. The annual report for 1918 showed the amount paid in annuities was £143 6s. 6d. more than in the preceding year, that four additional annuitants had been elected in the course of the year. The amount received in subscriptions was £6 10s. 2d. less, and that received in donations was £314 5s. 6d. more than in 1917, exclusive of £828 12s. 2d. contributed by the staffs of naval and military hospitals towards the Queen Alexandra War Memorial Annuities. Reference is made in the report to the affiliation of the Trained Nurses' Annuity Fund with the Benevolent Funds

of the Royal British Nurses' Association. By this arrangement, overlapping of benefits, which has sometimes occurred in the past, is avoided, and the Council also felt that affiliations with the Benevolent Schemes of the Chartered Corporation of Nurses would be calculated to encourage the nurses to take a greater part in the management of their own Benevolent schemes.

Acknowledgment is made in the President's remarks of the help given to the Fund by Miss Garriock, R.R.C., Dame McCarthy, R.R.C., and Mr. Montague Price, and regret is expressed on the resignation of Dr. Ogier Ward as Hon. Secretary.

Resolutions were passed at the meeting in accordance with the wishes of the subscribers to the Fourth Queen Alexandra War Memorial Annuity to the effect that this particular annuity should in future be known as "The Dame Ethel Becher Annuity" and that the nomination of a recipient of this annuity should, upon the first and upon all future occasions on which it falls to be allotted, be made by the Matron-in-Chief for the time being at the War Office. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to Her Royal Highness the Princess Christian for presiding, which was proposed by Mr. Montague Price, the Chairman of the Annuity Fund, and carried with acclamation.

ASSOCIATION OF TRAINED NURSES IN PUBLIC HEALTH WORK.

We are asked to draw the attention of Members of the R.B.N.A. and others to a Conference which takes place this (Saturday, May 3rd) afternoon, at 10, Orchard Street, at 3.30 p.m. The principal speaker will be Miss L. Mallon, Tuberculosis Health Visitor for West Ham, who is well qualified to deal with the subject which is to be before the Conference—Health Visiting in connection with Tuberculosis Work. Miss Margaret Alderman, Hon. Secretary of the Association of Trained Nurses in Public Health Work, will be in the Chair, and it is hoped that others will take part in the discussion. Only trained nurses may attend, and tea will be served at the close of the meeting.

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