

offered a Turkish dish, composed of boiled wheat and olive oil, most of them were too far gone to eat it. Their wounds had not been looked at for four days, and when they got into the Turkish cart which was to convey them to Nazareth, some of them hoped they would die. Their joy was great when, on reaching Nazareth, they were met by Miss Johncock and a colleague, who fed them, gave them tea, and filled them with fresh hope. They were the means of saving many British lives at Nazareth.

We wonder why, after her splendid work in Palestine, Miss Johncock has been awarded a second class R.R.C., when women at home, some of them "deserters," have managed to obtain first class honours?

It is interesting to note the upward tendency of nurses' salaries. At the General Infirmary, Leeds, the salaries of the nursing staff prior to July, 1918, were at the following rates per annum:—Assistant Matron £80, Second Assistant, Home Sister, and Night Sister £60, Ida Sister £65, Ward Sister, Theatre Sister, Out-patient Sisters, Venereal Sister £40, rising by £5 annually to £55. Nurses, 1st year £10, 2nd year £14, 3rd year £18, 4th year £25.

At the increased rates sanctioned on July 4th they are now: Assistant Matron £120, Second Assistant £100, Home Sister and Night Sister £90, Ida Sister £105, Teaching Sister £100, Sisters £60—£85, Fifth Year Nurses £50, Nurses £20, £25, £30 and £40 respectively. Prior to July, 1918, the wages sheet was just over £3,000, now it is over £7,000.

QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS.

STATE REGISTRATION FOR NURSES.

On Thursday, July 3rd., in the House of Commons, Major Hurst asked the Minister of Health whether he was able to state by what date he would bring in his promised Bill for the State Registration of Nurses?

Major Astor (Parliamentary Secretary, Ministry of Health) replied: My right hon. Friend is not in a position to add anything to the statement made by him in the course of the Debate on this subject on Friday last, to which I would refer the hon. and gallant Member. The matter is being carefully considered.

The question comes oddly from the Member of Parliament for Moss Side, Manchester, who took so prominent a part in the organized attempts to prevent Major Barnett's Bill from reaching the House of Lords.

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, July 5th. In the regretted absence through illness of the President, Miss Helen Todd, the chair was ably filled by Miss J. Curtis, Vice-President, and there was a very large attendance of members.

Before the business began, Miss Curtis said that at the meeting of the League, memorable as being the first held since the signing of Peace—a Peace which made itself felt—she felt sure that the members would wish their first act to be to send a loyal message to the King and Queen, and to the President of the Hospital, the Prince of Wales, expressing their joy that the negotiations had been successfully carried through, and that Peace was now established. This was carried by acclamation, and the members then rose and sang the first verse of the National Anthem.

REPORTS PRESENTED.

Miss Cutler (General Secretary), presented her report, which stated that fifty-nine new members had joined the League during the year, three had resigned, and, she reported, with regret, that seven had died. The membership was now 1,020. She then enumerated the honours gained by members of the League during the past year.

The chairman said that the members would wish their congratulations conveyed to the recipients of these honours. They had brought honour, not to themselves alone, but to the League also.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

Mrs. Matthews, Treasurer of the Benevolent Fund, then presented her report. There had been no claimants during the financial year, which closed with a balance of £30 17s. 3d. in hand, since the books were audited, however, a donation of £25 had been made.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer's Report showed a balance of £11 11s. 6d. in hand, a very creditable balance considering that the cost of printing the *League News* has, as the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. Turnbull, pointed out increased by 50 per cent.

ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE.

Miss Margaret Breay was then elected Vice-President, in succession to Miss Curtis, and Mrs. Launcelot Andrews, Miss MacCormac, Miss Garland, and Miss M. E. Moore, were elected members of the Executive Committee in succession to Mrs. Shuter, Mrs. Shore and Miss Finch.

ISLA STEWART MEMORIAL FUND.

Mrs. Shuter, Hon. Treasurer, reported that during the year £20 was invested in War Stock. At a Committee meeting on June 30th, it was decided that the income should again be invested. That would give a capital of £630 and an income of £25 per annum.

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