

REPORT FROM DELEGATE ON THE EXECUTIVE
OF THE SOCIETY FOR THE STATE REGISTRATION
OF TRAINED NURSES.

Miss Gladys Le Geyt then presented her Report as delegate of the League on the Society for the State Registration of Trained Nurses.

We consider this Report and the discussion which followed so important, and of so much interest to other Leagues, that we are holding over this section until our next issue, in order to give more space to it than is possible this week.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. Shuter then proposed:—

"That the Nurses' Home Fund which was closed in 1911 be not re-opened. That all monies now in hand be given over to the Treasurer of the Hospital, as an addition to the sum already given, the whole amount to be allocated to a special purpose.

Mrs. Shuter said they were aware that £2,000 had been collected in Miss Isla Stewart's life time and handed to the Treasurer. Now that a site for the Nurses' Home had been secured at the South East angle of the hospital, that plans were in the architect's hands, and £60,000 had been collected for the Home without a public appeal it seemed appropriate that the £724 in hand should be handed over, and that it should be expended on the Library of the Home, to be named the Isla Stewart Library. It was specially appropriate that for all time the Library should stand as a memorial to the Founder of the League, and of the Nurses' Library, in both of which Miss Stewart was deeply interested.

This resolution was seconded by Miss Margaret Anderson.

Mrs. Matthews said she had written to Major McAdam Eccles, Hon. Treasurer of the Nurses' Home Fund, so as to be sure that the League might name part of the Home, and he had suggested that the Sick Quarters might be named after the League.

Mrs. Walter Spencer thought the provision of sick rooms should be undertaken by the hospital.

Mrs. Bedford Fenwick thought the £2,000 was handed over unconditionally, but it was open to the League to attach conditions to the £700. No doubt, however, it might be possible for the £2,000 to be allocated for a purpose named by the League. What was wanting was that the name and the splendid work of Miss Isla Stewart should be memorialised in the new Home. They wanted to have the name of this dear woman commemorated in a beautiful Library. They knew how she loved her books.

Miss Cox-Davies supported the proposition.

Miss Cutler felt sure that the Treasurer would receive the suggestion with sympathy and it was unanimously agreed that a letter should be written to him from the meeting placing the proposal before him.

It was then agreed on the proposition of Sister Harley, seconded by Nurse Jaconb:—

"That a New Fund be organised to collect for the proposed Nurses' Home."

That would give the 400 or 500 Nurses who had been certificated since 1910 an opportunity of securing donations to the Fund, as a League contribution.

WITH THE ITALIAN RED CROSS.

Miss L. Heath (Sister Ophthalmic) then gave an intensely interesting account of her experiences with the Italian Red Cross during a three days' retreat. One realised vividly the dangers and hardships undergone by this brave Army, and the Sisters who accompanied it, as well as by the civilians during the inevitable disorganisation of a retreat, and caught a glimpse of the courage and fortitude of the Sisters.

The Social Gathering, and it was very sociable indeed, was held in the Great Hall, the music provided by members of the League and arranged by Sister Colston was a great delight. The finished singing of Sister Colston and Sister Darker, the violin solos of Nurse B. Brown, and the accompaniments of Sister Darker were of the very highest order.

It was pleasant to again foregather in the Great Hall, surrounded by the portraits of kings, and of the great kings of medicine and surgery, who have made St. Bartholomew's Hospital so famous.

NATION'S TRIBUTE TO NURSES IN
IRELAND.

We hear that the recent meeting of the Council of the Tribute Fund took place at the new offices at 37, Lower Baggot Street, Dublin, as it is considered wise to dissociate it from the College of Nursing, Ltd. Irish Nurses wish this "Tribute" to be an all Irish affair, and not managed in any way from London—as the College affairs are. We learned in the "Lobby" that the Secretary of the College of Nursing Irish Board, Miss Vera Matheson, has been very active in opposing the Nurses' Registration Bill in the House of Commons, and in consequence a good deal of "natural" feeling has been aroused, as the Irish Nurses' Association have long supported and worked hard for the Bill. When the Government comes to draft its Nurses' Registration Bill, self-government for Irish Nurses will, no doubt, be kept well in mind. It is not improbable that wide powers of devolution will be allotted to Irish and Scottish Nurses. As national feeling is very strong in both countries, such susceptibilities will require delicate handling,

The Committee of The Infants Hospital, Vincent Square, Westminster, have decided to extend the work of the hospital to include the treatment of surgical cases; and they have appointed Mr. H. Tyrrell Gray, F.R.C.S. as Honorary Surgeon.

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