

It is gratifying to learn that the memorial is to be another benefit for nurses, for whom he had great sympathy. Nurses who had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Aitken will be glad to know that very nice photographs of him and Mrs. Aitken have been given to Coombe Head, which have been hung in the dining room, so that all future visitors will have a remembrance of the benefactor who "has done what he could" in helping to restore their health for further work.

The fourth issue of *L.T.I.*, the journal of the Leeds Township Infirmary Nurses' League, is to hand. It contains an excellent portrait of Miss F. P. Spann, the President, who, we think, is too modest in the first paragraph of her "Foreword," when she gives as a reason for quite unnecessarily anticipating disappointment upon the part of readers of the Journal, "that the whole responsibility of producing the Journal rests on the gentler sex." For that very reason, in our opinion, its contents will appeal the more to the members of "The Leeds Township Infirmary Nurses' League." What they require in their own League Journal is intimate news of one another, and of their Alma Mater. The world's great events may appear elsewhere!

Miss Spann ends her "Foreword" with a little sound advice to those she has helped to train—and more particularly to those in training—which may be appreciated by a wider circle. She says: "You are getting shorter hours on duty, more recreation—recreation arranged for you—more comfort in the Nurses' Home. All these you deserve, but shall we, who are responsible for your training, get better service? I think so, I am sure we shall. Any woman who takes up nursing is adopting a profession in which she can find occupation for all that is in her. It has been my privilege to know not a few whose work has been just splendid, but there has never been a nurse who was a perfect nurse in the sense that she knew all there was to know about nursing. So work hard, aim at perfection, and do not be satisfied with the second best. Cultivate more and more the spirit of cheerfulness. Everyone of you can remember a time when a cheerful word has helped you to forget a tiring day, and everyone of you can remember when a rebuke, perhaps undeserved, has made you feel very tired indeed.

"Avoid grumbling—one discontented person can lower the spirits of all who come near her, but the cheerful confidence and hopefulness of a good woman will help her patients and fellow workers to keep a good heart through the troublous times they have to face."

ROYAL BRITISH NURSES' ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Association took place at 11, Chandos Street, on Monday, June 21st, at 3.0 p.m. Mrs. Campbell Thomson occupied the chair. The annual report dealt principally with the events which had led up to the passage of the Registration Bill at the close of the year to which the report referred. In seconding the report, Miss Jessie Holmes said that it showed a splendid record of progress for the profession. Throughout the long struggle the Association had fought clean, aimed high, and hope and truth kept it beyond all fear. Miss Breay said, with reference to the ignoble tactics of the College of Nursing Ltd., in connection with the Central Committee's Bill, that it was no thanks to the Council, that the sick and the nurses were not in the position of having to wait another twenty-five years for State Registration. The Minister of Health had saved the situation by bringing in a Government Bill. Otherwise, it was one chance in very many that a friend of the Bill would, for many years, again have won practically the first place in the Ballot.

The report of the Hon. Treasurer was evidence of the stress of the last months in the battle for State Registration. The expenditure from the general fund had exceeded the income by £50 4s. 8d.; but, in his opinion, the report of the Hon. Secretary had shown how well justified had been the heavy expenditure.

Dr. Stewart warmly acknowledged Miss Macdonald's services. It was due to her persistent care that the financial report was so satisfactory, although they had spent some capital. The money was given for the good of the nurses, and, in the exceptional crisis last year, it was felt that so long as it was there, and was well spent, it must be spent, but it was owing to Miss Macdonald that the reduction in capital was so small. (Applause.)

Miss Beatrice Kent, in seconding the report said there was one part of it which gave her special satisfaction, and that was the fact that it showed that the Royal British Nurses' Association's share in the great struggle of the past year had been financed by the nurses and not by the money of a charitable public. The following were declared elected Members of the Council as a result of the ballot:—

Medical Men.—Drs. Wallace Anderson, Henning, Belfrage, Domville, Glover, Lord, Macewen, Outerson Wood, Inspector-General H. Woods, Mr. Murray, and Mr. Openshaw.

Matrons.—Misses Bushby, Steuart Donaldson, Dowbiggin, Ford, Hurlston, Little, Murby, Reeves, Vergette, Montgomery Wilson.

Sisters and Nurses.—Misses E. M. Ayres, L. Bennett, F. Blakiston, Mrs. Earp, Miss J. Gunn, Miss S. F. Rossiter, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Sherliker, Miss J. Stoddart, and Miss F. Wise.

Miss Wise proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair, and the members then adjourned for tea to 10, Orchard Street.

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